



100,000 flee from Bhopal

BHOPAL, India (Reuters). — More than 100,000 people have fled from Bhopal and the army was placed on alert as scientists made final plans to neutralize a gas that killed 2,500 residents last week.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said soldiers are ready to provide assistance if needed at a few minutes notice when the Union Carbide factory reopens on Sunday to turn 15 tons of stockpiled methyl isocyanate into pesticide.

About 40,000 people crammed onto buses, trains and bullock carts, PTI said yesterday. They sat on top of train carriages and jostled for places on packed buses in a bid to get away from the frightened city of 700,000 people.

PTI said a "panic scramble" is expected today when authorities provide free transport for people either too poor to afford their own fares or unable to get bookings.

The team of 50 Indian scientists supervising the process to turn the gas into harmless pesticides expect the operation to take up to five days.

Helicopters will spray water around the factory during the operation which will be conducted only during daylight hours.

Madhya Pradesh officials told Reuters at least 40,000 people left Bhopal yesterday on buses, trains and private transport, adding to about 60,000 who had left by Wednesday evening. They said the flight started on Tuesday when rumours spread about the plant reopening.

Madhya Pradesh information director Sudeep Bannerjee said the movement of people to 10 refugee camps set up on the outskirts of the city would start this afternoon.

Tens of buses would stand by at 11 evacuation points in the city to carry residents to the camps where there was feverish activity to prepare for an expected influx of 125,000 people.

He said about 1,000 paramilitary troops and nearly 2,000 state policemen had been drafted into the city to keep control of the situation.

Meanwhile, U.S. lawyer Melvin Belli says he may use video recordings of India's gas disaster victims to back compensation claims in an American court.

The flamboyant San Francisco lawyer has filed a \$15 billion suit against Union Carbide on behalf of two Bhopal residents who lost relatives in the disaster.

A \$20b. "class-action" suit, or case on behalf of all the disaster victims, was filed on Monday in a New York federal court by Californian lawyers Jay Gould, Frederico Sayer and Ralph Fertig.

A Chicago lawyer has lodged a \$50b. claim against Union Carbide.



Neither rain, nor wind nor strike-compounded garbage keep Tel Avivians from going about their daily rounds yesterday. (Amram Galmi)

2 die as boat capsizes off TA, storms rage across country

Yesterday's stormy weather cost the lives of a ship mechanic and a woman passenger when the fishing boat they were on capsized in heavy seas off Tel Aviv.

Three other persons on board, including the woman's husband, survived rough seas all night in a life boat which drifted as far as Netanya, and were taken to hospital by rescuers.

The duty weatherman predicted that yesterday's rain storms may be capped by snow in northern mountainous regions beginning last night, and rain is expected to continue

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today. The forecast for tomorrow is for local rains and cloudy skies, with partly cloudy skies on Sunday. Temperatures are expected to remain low during the weekend.

Strong winds and rain that raged throughout the country yesterday were greeted by farmers in the central and southern parts, but caused much damage and disruption. Many

Negev streambeds filled to flooding, with the bridges over the Tze'elim and Re'im streams in the western Negev flooding over completely; the Ein Gedi-Sdom was closed to traffic as a result of the floods. Meteorologists warned of flash floods in the Negev, which was also hit by sand storms.

Winds in some parts of the country exceeded 100 kph and in the north storms damaged a number of chicken houses and greenhouses.

Southern farmers who had been (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

IDF combs Shi'ite villages, arrests 30

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Security forces yesterday encircled several Shi'ite villages near Tyre and detained 30 people suspected of having attacked Israeli forces. The detainees include a squad of six armed men, Israel De-

fence Forces spokesman said.

One person whom the spokesman said was "a known terrorist" was killed when he tried to escape. Unifil said that the bodies of a woman and of a 14-year-old girl from Tyre were also found, and four wounded persons were brought to Unifil for

treatment. It was not stated how the two had died.

According to Israeli sources one of the two was found dead by Israeli troops when they entered her home. They were told by relatives that she was killed to "preserve the family's (Continued on page 14)

Two IDF soldiers hurt in South Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Two Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded yesterday afternoon when light arms were fired at Israeli Defence Forces vehicles travelling near the village of al-Bazuriyah, east of Tyre.

Also yesterday, south of the

Zaharani River, near the coast, an IDF patrol came under light arms fire. No one was hurt.

Early yesterday morning there were two attacks against the headquarters of the civil guard in Nabatiya. One civil guardsman was wounded. In another attack, against civil guard units in Klea, two guards-

men were seriously wounded.

The cease-fire at Kharroub was broken yesterday at 5 p.m. by Druse forces who attacked Christian villages with artillery and tank fire. The Druse directed their strongest fire at the Christian port of Jiyah, the only point from which Christians in the Kharroub region can reach Beirut.

Lahat ordered to fire workers, raise taxes

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Shlomo Lahat was presented with a recovery programme yesterday formulated by the Interior and Finance ministries calling for drastic spending cuts and tax rises as a condition for government aid to end the municipal workers' strike. The strike is to enter its 10th day today.

Lahat said the recovery programme includes some "unreasonable and impossible" demands. But he was, according to report late last night, reported to negotiate.

If the government's conditions are met, it is to arrange for the municipality to take bank loans of \$2 billion monthly for four to five months to pay workers' wages.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the government's demands from Tel Aviv include firing 300 workers, increasing municipal rates and cut-

ting expenses. These measures would allow the city to raise enough cash to cover repayment of the loans. In addition, the city would be required to make official guarantees that it would return the loans.

Senior Interior Ministry sources warned yesterday that if Lahat refuses to implement the recovery programme a caretaker committee would be appointed to run the city.

The city's striking workers, who have not yet received their November salaries, yesterday decided on a series of measures to intensify the strike.

Municipal Workers Organization chairman Theodore Kaufman said that the water plant and sewage department will close as of today, and traffic lights will not be repaired.

The city has obtained 140 back-to-work orders for workers in emergency services, including 20 water plant workers. But the orders cover only skeleton staffs, and will not ensure regular services.

The city has also obtained a court

injunction ordering hospital workers to resume regular work, since they have been paid in full.

Fire-fighters resumed their sanctions yesterday, reducing crews from 20 men to two men per shift.

The garbage mounting in the city's streets and markets were spread all over town yesterday by the fierce wind and rain. Many intersections and streets were flooded because the garbage was blocking the drainage system.

At an emergency meeting the city's executive committee rejected "the government's unjust treatment of Tel Aviv, its mayor and executive committee."

Meanwhile, the municipal workers strike in Ramle ended yesterday after the workers were promised that they would receive their pay today.

Interior Ministry northern representative Yisrael Koenig yesterday arranged for Beit Shean municipal workers to receive their salaries, the ministry announced.

Kessar warns of 'uprising' by unemployed

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday issued a dire warning about the need to control unemployment. This fight should take priority over restraining inflation, he said.

"I meet workers every day, and fear, insecurity, and distrust is in their eyes," he said.

"We have no time, soon they'll rise up against us, not only in development towns, but also in a peaceful city like Hadera," he said.

"I fear the day when the match is thrown, and then it won't be good — for the state and for the Labour Party. We must protect the weak

from suffering. We don't have to hurry in the fight against inflation. Otherwise the public will dictate policy to us," he added.

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Time's chief of correspondents testifies:

U.S. officials oppose Israel's possible purchases of French reactors:

Kessar also attacked Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. "He doesn't approve projects connected with growth, or with exports. Be-

cause of this policy, there will be dismissals not only from failing companies, but also from science-based industries which are our future."

Joshua Brilliant adds:

Kessar also came out sharply against any cuts in government subsidies to essential commodities and insisted that the price freeze be religiously adhered to until the end of next month.

"The Histadrut will not lend its hand to violating the package deal," the labour federation's spokesman quoted Kessar as telling managers and shop committee leaders in Hadera.

Treasury sees 15-18% rise in today's index

Post Economic Reporter

With the Central Bureau of Statistics due to publish the Cost-of-Living Index for November today, the Treasury expects the inflation rate for the package deal's first month to have been between 15 and 18 per cent.

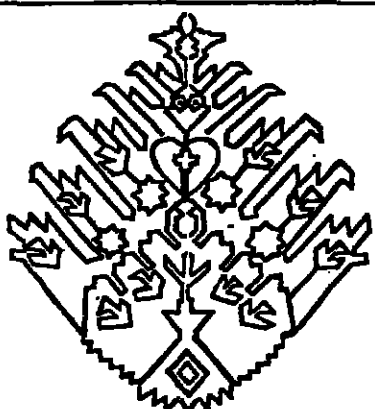
The major part of this estimated

increase, some 10 per cent, reflects price rises made late in October before the package deal was signed, but which are only fully taken into account in November's figures.

If the Treasury's predictions are accurate, wage-earners will receive an 8-10 per cent cost-of-living increment in January.

The Treasury hopes that the index will rise less than 10 per cent in December. Since a C-C-L increment is paid only if the index rises 12 per cent or more, that would obviate the necessity for increments in January's salaries.

The index for October rose by 24.3 per cent.



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Israel and Venezuela agree on joint Caribbean projects

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Israel and Venezuela have agreed to cooperate in promoting joint agricultural projects in several Caribbean nations.

An Israeli official accompanying Foreign Minister Shamir on his visit to Venezuela yesterday said the agreement would be signed at a formal ceremony today, marking the conclusion of the Shamir visit.

A second agreement to be signed will promote greater technological cooperation between the two countries, especially in petrochemical development.

Israeli officials are especially pleased by Venezuela's readiness to

work with Israel in the Caribbean. They said between eight and ten countries would benefit.

Shamir met for more than four hours with Foreign Minister Isidoro Morales. He also met with President Jaime Lusinchi.

Israeli officials, in telephone calls from Caracas, described the sessions as very friendly. They noted, however, that Shamir had urged the Venezuelan leaders not to permit the PLO to open an office in Caracas. He also complained about Venezuela's vote on Wednesday at the UN in favour of a Soviet inspired motion calling for an international peace conference on the Middle East.

Craxi-Arafat talks cloud Italian visits

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Prime Minister Peres and Vice Prime Minister Shamir have pointedly not yet set dates for their visits to Italy as an expression of disapproval of a recent meeting between Italian premier Benito Craxi and PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Italy had invited Peres and Shamir to visit Rome during January. The

Israeli leaders, according to officials in Jerusalem, have accepted the invitations but not set times for their (separate) visits.

This would seem to mean that the visits will probably not go ahead in January as the Italians had wished.

Craxi met with Arafat in Tunis last Thursday during an official visit to Tunisia.

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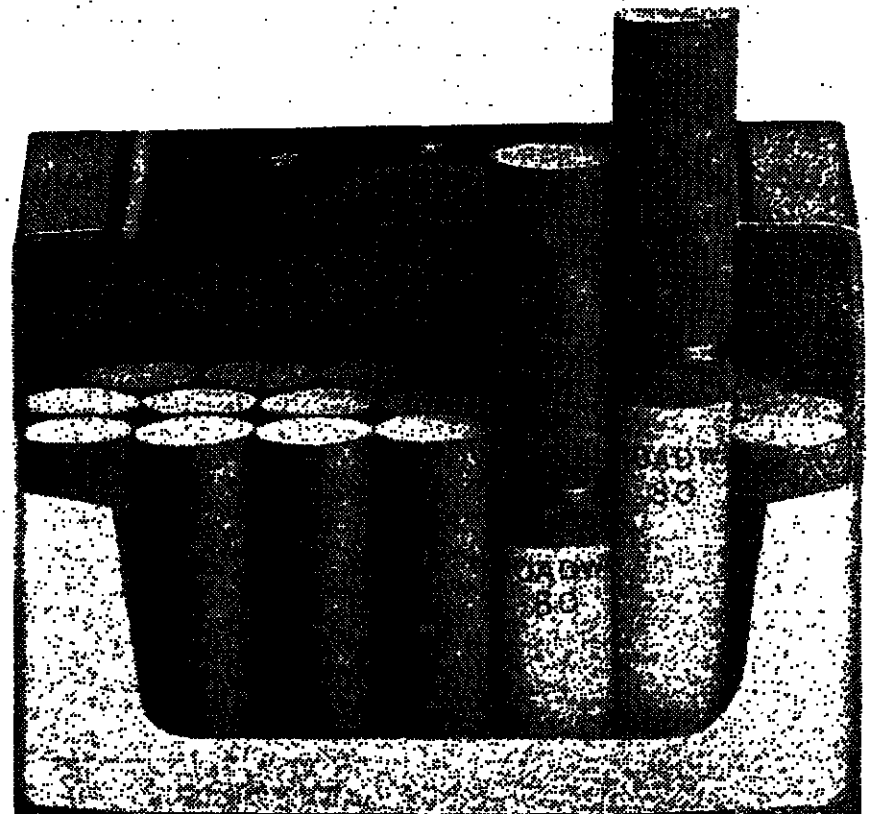
Maccabi beat Real

Post Basketball Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv squeezed out a 101-97 victory over the Spanish champions, Real Madrid, in a European Cup final pool basketball game at Yad Eliyahu last night.

The seven-time European champions outplayed Maccabi in the first half to notch a 52-49 lead.

But the fast-flowing game took off in the second half as Maccabi pulled 10 points ahead. Madrid fought back and levelled with just 64 seconds to go. But two late baskets saw Maccabi home for their second successive victory in the series.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Thunderstorms possible, danger of floods in low regions.
Outlook for Shabbat: Partly cloudy to clear.

	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	7-8	9
Jerusalem	86	8
Golan	97	6
Nahariya	97	6
Safed	97	6
Haifa Port	59	45
Tiberias	77	14
Nazareth	86	9
Afula	67	13
Shomron	89	9
Tel Aviv	48	16
B-G Airport	38	15
Jeddo	70	17
Gaza	70	16
Beer Sheva	94	14
Eilat	73	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman will lecture on "American Jews After the Elections" at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Kibbutz Bnei Zvi, Auditorium 04 at 6 p.m. on December 17, 1984.

ARRIVALS

François Xavier de Donnes, Belgian secretary of state for cooperation and development, yesterday for a three-day visit.

DEPARTURES

Otto Erling Moller, permanent undersecretary of the Danish Foreign Office, after a four-day visit.

Avraham Katz, chairman of Youth and Hehalutz Department, WZO, to London, to participate in the conference of the Union of General Zionists. He will lecture on the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora.

Art and music at Cardo for Hanukkah

Jerusalem Post Staff
Artists and residents of the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City have invited the public to a communal lighting of the Hanukkah candles beginning Tuesday, the first night of the holiday.

The candle lighting, scheduled for 5:30 every evening of the holiday except Friday and Saturday, is to be held in the covered area of the restored Cardo.

Musical performances have been scheduled to accompany the candle-lighting each evening. An exhibition of work by Jewish Quarter artists is also to be open every day of the holiday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., except Friday and Saturday.

Weekend sport

HOCKEY. - Festival at Wingate Institute for young men and women, starting at 9:30 a.m. RUGBY. - Hebrew University vs Yotam (kick-off 1 p.m.). Rapel Ra'anna vs ASA Tel Aviv (2:30 p.m.). Hapoel Kfar Haim vs Kfar Saba (3:30 p.m.). Hapoel Kfar Haim vs Kfar Saba (3:30 p.m.). Hapoel Kfar Haim vs Kfar Saba (3:30 p.m.).

STOWAWAY. - An Ashdod man convicted of leaving the country illegally in November on a ship headed for France was sentenced yesterday to five months imprisonment. The man was discovered aboard ship and was turned over to authorities upon the ship's return.

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HOME NEWS

Accord on defence budget is \$500m. away

By AVI TEMKIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
At a tense meeting yesterday, the cabinet committee on cuts in the defence budget failed to bridge the \$500-million gap separating Treasury demands from Defence Ministry proposals.

The cabinet decided last month to reduce the defence budget by \$100m. in the 1985 fiscal year. But because of several complex accounting problems, the two ministries

have been unable to agree on the size of the budget from which the cut is to come. As a result, the Defence Ministry argues that its 1985 budget should be \$2.7 billion, while the Treasury insists it should be \$2.2b.

At the end of yesterday's meeting, the six ministers on the committee - Prime Minister Peres, Defence Minister Rabin, Finance Minister Moda'i, Economics Minister Ya'acobi, and Ministers without Portfolio: Weizman and Arens -

agreed to convene again on Sunday after the cabinet meeting to try to resolve the issue. Foreign Minister Shamir, also a member of the committee, is currently abroad.

The cabinet on Sunday is also to discuss defence outlays. But it is not expected to make any decisions. Moda'i and Rabin had several angry exchanges during yesterday's meeting. At one point, Moda'i accused the Defence Ministry of "failing to manage its budget properly."

Rabin replied that ministers in the previous government, which he said was responsible for the economic crisis, should think twice before making such accusations.

Arens, Weizman and Ya'acobi are supporting a proposal to defer the decision on the defence budget until the overall government budget for 1985 is discussed in a few weeks. Their proposal was dealt with briefly yesterday and will be raised again on Sunday.

Police team sifts all clues in Hadass Kedmi's murder

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The police investigating the murder of 20-year-old Hadass Kedmi yesterday settled into the routine of comparing information with existing police records.

Kedmi's body was found near Kibbutz Beit Oren on Tuesday. The soldier had disappeared on November 29.

The body. Police sources said the efforts yesterday concentrated on setting up a murder inquiry team.

Still unknown is the time of death. Pathologists are awaiting the findings of a stomach content analysis that could determine whether the women was fed by her captors, or was killed before she had time to digest the last meal she ate while on her way home to Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk from the army.

Police spokesmen throughout the country condemned the "speculation and spreading of panic" by newspapers during the search and since the body was discovered.

The reason for the secrecy we've imposed on the investigation is to prevent the perpetrators of the crime from knowing what we know. While we appreciate the efforts of the press to encourage the public to be careful, some newspapers are spreading panic as if some sort of secret society is killing people," said a senior police source in Jerusalem.

The General Security Services have not been called into the case; nor has any senior investigator from National Police Headquarters been sent to Haifa to take charge. However, Criminal Investigations Department Commander Yehzekel Carthy and his CID colleagues are daily being kept up to date on the inquiry.

Inspector General Arye Ivztan is to visit the special investigating team next week for a first-hand briefing.

Israel: 'We will stay at Nakoura despite stalemate'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Israel yesterday made it clear it is willing to continue the military talks with Lebanon in Nakoura, although U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy's recent visit to Beirut and Damascus confirmed that no progress has been made.

(Yesterday's session was called off because the Lebanese delegation failed to appear. Bad weather prevented their being flown in from Beirut, and the coastal road is shut to them because of communal fighting.

The willingness to continue talking suggests that for the time being at least the government is not about to decide on a unilateral pullback from Lebanon.

The stalemate in the talks emerged when Murphy briefed Defence Minister Rabin, Acting Foreign Minister Arens, the prime minister's Political Adviser Nimrod Novik and other senior officials on the results of his latest meetings with Lebanese and Syrian leaders.

Thomas Pickering replacing Lewis as U.S. ambassador

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - Thomas Pickering, the outgoing U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador, has been selected by Secretary of State George Shultz to replace Samuel Lewis as ambassador to Israel.

Pickering, a veteran foreign service officer who served as ambassador to Jordan in the mid-1970s, is a highly respected diplomatic trouble-shooter. Shultz and other senior U.S. officials are known to have strong confidence in him.

Lewis, also a career diplomat, has been in Israel for nearly eight years. He is reported to have accepted a position at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, his alma mater.

He caused a minor flap last month when, on the eve of the presidential election, he publicly criticized the timing of President Reagan's September 1, 1982 Arab-Israeli peace initiative. His comments at a Tel Aviv University symposium were widely reported. U.S. officials

quoted senior State Department officials as denying reports that Pickering was leaving San Salvador because of concerns for his safety. "The dominant reason for the shift is that Shultz wants him somewhere else," an official said.

In another appointment, Jacques Covey, a former deputy U.S. Consul in Jerusalem, is expected to replace Geoffrey Kemp as a Middle East staffer on the National Security Council. Kemp is leaving to work at the Georgetown University Centre for Strategic and International Studies. Covey, a career foreign service officer, earlier worked for secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

Soldier who went missing jailed for kidnap-rape tale

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A soldier who said he was kidnapped and raped by Arabs to avoid punishment for two days of being absent without leave was sentenced to four months imprisonment and eight months suspended by the military court in Jaffa yesterday. The soldier was also demoted from rav-tural (corporal) to tural (private).

Last January the soldier disappeared from his unit for two days. He later told the police that four Arabs had kidnapped him on a street in Bat Yam and had driven off with him in a car. He said they put him to sleep using a spray and that they dragged him with pills and raped him.

In its judgement, the court said: "It doesn't take much imagination to understand how such a story can put the entire security network on alert." The court noted that investigators were put on the case and that considerable resources were expended in trying to solve it.

JNF official in Galilee charged with bribery

NAZARETH (Itim). - Nine charges, including giving and taking bribes, have been brought against Shimon Dehan, 47, the chief Jewish National Fund official in Galilee for the past 11 years. His trial is to begin at the end of the month before Judge Micha Lindenstrauss in the Nazareth District Court.

Dehan was responsible for earth-moving work and deciding who would be employed in this work. One charge says that for three years, Dehan regularly had his driver deliver drums of petrol to his home in Moshav Tzurim. These drums were taken from the company that did work for the JNF and whose petrol it was.

Another charge accuses Dehan of having stolen IDF equipment in his home. Dehan is also charged with having bribed one of his supervisors by regularly sending him eggs and crates of fruit.

Driver killed in head-on collision

One man was killed when a car and truck collided head-on on the Nitzana-Beer Sheva road yesterday evening, reportedly after the car swerved into the opposite lane. The car was crushed under the truck and burst into flames.

The truck driver and his passengers managed to jump from the truck when the fire started. The body of the driver of the car, however, was removed from the vehicle only after the flames were put out. He had not yet been identified last night.

A 67-year-old French priest was found dead yesterday afternoon after his car hit a utility pole on the Jerusalem-Jericho road. The Jerusalem police believe he may have died of a heart attack before hitting the pole.

In three other accidents in the Jerusalem area and two in the Negev, 10 other people were injured yesterday. (Itim)

SOCIALISTS. - Spain's ruling Socialist Party yesterday opened its first national congress since its 1982 election victory with an agenda dominated by economic policy and a proposed reversal of its opposition to Nato membership.

To the Levi family
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Dr. HABIB LEVI
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Matan Ben-Shoham, whose father fell in fighting on the Golan Heights in the Yom Kippur War, accepts a gift from OC Chaplaincy Corps Aluf Rabbi Gad Navon at a bar mitzva celebration for 80 children of fallen soldiers this week in Tel Aviv. The corps holds such celebrations every three months. (UPFA)

Herut renews threat to leave if Shas quits the coalition

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Herut yesterday reiterated its threat to resign from the coalition if Shas is allowed to drop out.

The party secretariat announced at its weekly meeting here, that Herut is squarely behind Deputy Prime Minister David Levy's announcement that the Likud would not have Shas in the opposition.

"It would be a blow to our credibility and violate the Likud's commitments to Shas," the secretariat stated after the meeting.

"Had we not signed the agreement with Shas, we might not be part of the government today," Secretariat member Nahman Peri said at the meeting. Everyone present agreed with him.

Unless Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz changes his mind, his resignation will come into effect this Tuesday. At this point, his resignation, declared last Tuesday, seems final as it was ordered by Shas's guiding Council of Tora Sages.

Peretz said this week that Shas would only renew the negotiations over the Interior or Religious Affairs Ministry portfolios if the ministries are left unchanged and the modifications discussed previously cancelled.

Peretz went "on a brief vacation" after announcing his resignation. His colleagues Rafael Pinhasi and Arye Deri told Prime Minister Peres Wednesday that the Council of Tora Sages would have to decide if Shas's resignation is final or agree on terms for the party's return to the coalition.

Shas sources said yesterday that Peres asked for a meeting with the Council of Tora Sages to persuade them to keep Shas in the coalition. (See story page 3)

Hospital team probes woman's sudden death

A team of doctors from Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem is investigating the sudden death earlier this week of a woman, aged 32, who had received treatment in the institution's emergency ward. The team is headed by Dr. Michael Rosenblut, the hospital's director.

On Monday, the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court acceded to a police request to have an autopsy performed. The police suspect negligence on the part of the duty doctor who treated the woman. She lived in a home for the disabled in the San Simon neighbourhood. After feeling suddenly unwell on Sunday, she was taken to the emergency ward where the doctor diagnosed her case as bronchitis. He gave her medicine and had her sent home.

That evening, she watched television and went to bed early. At about 5:30 a.m. the next day, the nurse at the home could not awaken her. She called a Magen David Adom doctor who determined that she was dead.

A preliminary investigation has uncovered that the dead woman suffered in the past from shortness of breath for which she had been hospitalized. The home is financed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. (Itim)

STORMS

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worried that the rains would come too late to save their wheat crops say the rains as a blessing.

City dwellers, on the other hand, were less pleased as car engines died, power failed and in Tel Aviv residents found the stench of uncollected garbage even stronger than it had been.

In the Haifa and Ashdod ports work was suspended until noon, and some of Haifa's roads were impassable. On the slopes of Mt. Carmel winds tore branches off trees and hurled rubble onto roads.

A metre of snow has fallen on Mt. Hermon. This, along with lighter snows in the Golan Heights and the continuous rains which fell in other northern areas from Wednesday night on, raised the Kinneret's water level by 3 centimetres.

A centimetre's increase in the Kinneret's level means an additional 1.7 million cubic metres of water. However, a Mekorot water company spokesman said that it will take a 1.5 metre increase to bring the Kinneret to its optimal level.

There was also snow in Jebel Barukh in South Lebanon, and Israel Defence Forces snowplows began clearing routes to IDF positions in the eastern sector of South Lebanon.

On the thirtieth day after the death of our dear, unforgettable colleague
Raphael Kotlowitz ז"ל
there will be a graveside memorial service at Kiryat Shaul Cemetery on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.
There will be a memorial meeting the same day at 7:30 p.m. at Beit Jabotinsky, 14th floor.
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Beit Timorin

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Peres: 'Sharon will pay some libel suit costs'

By YACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — When Industry Minister Ariel Sharon returns from the U.S. he will draw up an account of what he himself will pay to cover the costs of his stay there during his libel suit against Time Magazine, Prime Minister Peres said yesterday.

Sharon will also indicate how much the government should pay, "to the extent that he carried out his official duties there," Peres said.

"Sharon filed his suit on his own, and was entitled to so, like any other citizen. But the suit is a private matter," Peres said.

Answering newsmen's questions during a day-long visit to Haifa, the premier also said the government would start releasing the more than \$600 million in frozen investment funds in a few weeks. Since this action would entail government matching funds and loans up to 60 per cent, it would stoke inflation.

"We will, therefore, release the funds by giving priority to factories in development towns where unemployment is three times the national average, and to export industries and for manufacturers who show quick results in economic growth," he said.

On the ailing Ata textile plant, Peres said it had gone bankrupt for lack of planning and failure to mod-

ernise its machinery. "It was not the workers' fault and they should not be punished for these mistakes," he said. The government wants to see the plant carry on, but cannot provide the money needed, he said.

"Though it's not my job, I'm making efforts to find a buyer to keep the company going, because it would hurt me to see Ata, a byword in Israel, close and thousands of workers left without a livelihood."

Together with acting Industry Minister Moshe Nissim and MK Abraham Shapira, Peres said he was pressing the president of the Clal concern, Aharon Dovrat, to "assume the risk and the challenge" of reviving Ata.

Sources close to the premier confirmed to *The Jerusalem Post* that Sharon is also making efforts to find a buyer in the U.S., in the expectation that the government would help.

Asked about reports that the U.S. would object to Israel spending aid funds to buy French nuclear reactors, Peres said no decision had yet been taken. Israel will need an additional 2,000 megawatt generating capacity in the next decade from oil, coal or nuclear-fuelled stations. He is awaiting the results of an expert study of the choices, he said.

The premier expressed surprise that his recent meeting with former

finance minister Yoram Aridor had drawn so much attention. "It's my duty to get various opinions, and I invited Aridor to meet me in my Knesset office for all to see," he said. Some newspapers said that the meeting was secret.

On the Shas Party threat to quit the coalition, Peres said he would regret its leaving "because national unity is dear to me." He would make one more attempt — tomorrow night — to keep Shas in the government with the "fair proposal we made for dividing the Interior and Religious Affairs Ministries between Shas and the National Religious Party. The problem is how to keep one without losing the other."

Peres said he does not consider the Nakoura talks stalled. These are, he said "differences of opinion" with

the Lebanese. "We will make another try to bridge the gap. It is too early to talk of making a final decision," he said.

"We have no target date for getting the IDF out of Lebanon, but want to withdraw in such a way that will also ensure the safety of our northern border, as soon as possible."

"We want to ensure peace for Galilee, without harming the peace of Beirut or Damascus," he said.

The premier declined to comment on the three conditions set by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for a meeting between the two. "I proposed meeting the president on the border. He did not dismiss the idea, but said the meeting must be properly prepared. We are now examining what they mean by 'properly,'" he said.

High court to hear case on Sharon's absence

High Court Justice Shlomo Levin decided yesterday to have a panel of three justices rule on the petition by the Citizens Rights Movement which asks the court to order the prime minister or the government to tell Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon to return home immediately and fulfill his official duties.

The petition, filed Wednesday,

asks alternatively that Sharon be ordered to take indefinite leave for the duration of his stay in New York, where he is attending the trial in his libel suit against Time magazine.

The petition also asks the court to order the accountant-general to cease payment of Sharon's expenses. (Itim).



Former French prime minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas pays his respects yesterday to the memory of 80,000 French Jews murdered by the Nazis, at a memorial near Moshav Roglit in the Judean Hills. Chaban-Delmas is visiting Israel as guest of the Jewish National Fund.

(Yossi Zamir, Sep-up 80)

Ida Nudel has 'easier time' since Fonda's visit

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ida Nudel, who spent four years in Siberian exile for demanding the right to aliyah, has been "less harassed" by the Soviet authorities since she was visited last April by U.S. film actress Jane Fonda.

Steve Rivers, an aide to Fonda and to her husband, California state legislator Tom Hayden, told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview yesterday that Nudel is still resolute in her belief that someday she will be reunited with her sister Ilana Fridman in Israel.

Rivers, who is making his first visit here, reported that Fonda and Nudel have been corresponding for five years. In the first letter that Fonda received after last spring's trip to Russia, Nudel said she has been allowed to visit some other refugees in Bendery, a city of 100,000

located 30 kilometres from Kishinev.

After being allowed out of Siberian exile, Nudel returned to her Moscow home and gave a press conference for Western correspondents. Her Moscow residence permit was then cancelled and she was allowed to wander, she was allowed to settle in Bendery.

Rivers said that Nudel, 53, lives in a 2½-room, cold-water apartment. She lives mostly on vegetables she grows in her garden, and spends most of her meagre income on postage for letters to supporters and friends abroad.

The aide to Fonda and Hayden said Nudel's health seemed good, although she was quite thin. "Her walk was very confident, and she has a strong spirit," said Rivers.

After Fonda's visit, neighbours who had shunned Nudel suddenly

became friendly, the actress being well-known.

Nudel, an economist, was arrested in 1978 for hanging a banner from her balcony calling for the right to go to Israel. She is allowed to apply for an exit permit every six months, but all applications have been returned or left unanswered.

Rivers went to Rehovot last night to tell Nudel's sister about the meeting last spring.

Another aliyah activist, Yosef Bernstein, 47, of Kiev, was sentenced on Monday to four years in jail for "premeditated villainy against the police," the Public Council for Soviet Jewry reported yesterday. Also on Monday, Yacov Mash of Odessa was released from custody before the end of a police inquiry. He is suffering from a serious liver illness and was beaten during the inquiry, the council said.

Swaziland envoy here for co-op projects

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives of the Kingdom of Swaziland, Siphon Hezekiel Mamba, arrived in Tel Aviv on Wednesday to look into cooperating with Israeli firms on development projects in his country.

Mamba told *The Jerusalem Post* his country has had good experience with Koortrade, the marketing arm of Koor, and he therefore came to see what further projects may be carried out with Israelis.

Koortrade recently completed establishing a 6,200-dunam cotton farm in Swaziland. Mamba said cotton is an important crop for Swaziland, as it brings in hard currency and supplies part of the population with work.

He said that one of the projects Swaziland might hire Koortrade for in the future is the laying of an irrigation network in Swaziland's farm areas. At present farmers there rely on rains, an irrigation network would allow them to grow crops all year round.

Mamba met with President Herzog and Minister of Agriculture Arye Nehamkin on Wednesday and yesterday was a guest of Koor and of the Afro-Asian Institute.

British Council to teach English in TA

The British Council is to open an English Language Teaching Centre in Tel Aviv next week.

There are 44 such centres run by the British Council all over the world serving 50,000 students. Unlike many centres, however, the Israeli branch will be staffed entirely by local teachers.

Ian Seaton, the British Council's English Language Officer and the main initiator of the centre, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Tel Avivians are already showing a keen interest in it. He was particularly pleased with the response from business people and professionals who have shown an interest in some of the courses being offered to specific companies and organizations.

The centre will be housed at the British Council on Rehov Hayarkon and will have the use of five classrooms and texts, videotapes and audiotapes supplied by the British Council and the BBC.

The centre is being established within the framework of the British-Israeli Cultural Convention.

Registration takes place from December 19-24. Details can be obtained from 03-2221947.

Deaf groups planning 'march of silence'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Representatives of five organizations for the deaf and hard of hearing yesterday decided to hold a "march of silence" in Tel Aviv to make the public more aware of their problems.

The date and march route are to be announced after necessary police permission is obtained.

Orange-picking robot being developed in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A robot that identifies the size, shape and colour of oranges has reached the pilot plant stage. It is only one step away from picking the ripe fruit and leaving the rest on the trees. Elbit president Benny Peled told Prime Minister Peres yesterday. The prime minister was on a tour of high-technology factories in Haifa's Science-based Industries Centre.

When Peres asked Peled for some breakthrough ideas, the president of

Elbit, which is a computer company, came right back with a suggestion for "intelligent machines" to harvest deciduous fruit, and for devices to handle civilian and military goods.

Peres' next question was how much the research and development would cost, and how soon the products would go on the market. "If we get \$30-\$40 million, we should be able to do the job in five to six years," Peled told him.

"But how about something in a

year or two?" the prime minister queried, only to be told by Peled that it could not be done that quickly.

Peled showed the premier the computer-based military systems and products that Elbit is making for the IDF and for export. Elbit is also developing electronic equipment for the planned Lavie fighter, which would cost \$1m a plane, Peled said.

Peled pointed to the anomaly of the defence establishment's shekel crunch, which has forced Elbit to

farm out to a U.S. firm the manufacture of a system Elbit developed in Haifa, with the IDF having them to buy the system for dollars.

At the Kulso electronics plant, Peres was told there is a shortage of engineers "but only of good ones."

Before the science-based industries tour, Peres attended Mayor Arye Gur's reception for civic and religious leaders from all faiths. After the tour he visited the Baha'i World Centre on Mt. Carmel.

Terror defendant testifies:

'GSS refused to tell us whom else they had caught'

A central defendant in the Jewish terror trial testified yesterday that during his interrogation the General Security Service refused to tell who else had been arrested in the case.

"We asked the GSS men to give us the names of everyone who had been arrested in the case. The GSS refused, saying that to give the names would reveal its methods of investigating and operation," testified Menahem Livni, the alleged leader of the terror group.

Livni was testifying in the hearing on the admissibility of the defendants' confessions. The defence is arguing that the defendants were tricked and pressured into confessing, and that the confessions should be disallowed.

Livni was questioned at length yesterday about the so-called "notes deal" with another alleged leader, Yehuda Etzion, during his interrogation. Etzion and a GSS agent agreed that both would write the names of people involved in the attack on the West Bank mayors and what their roles had been. They then gave the notes to Livni, to check whether the GSS really knew who

had been involved.

Livni testified yesterday that the GSS had suggested that it would show the file of every person whose name appeared in both notes, and bring an "intelligence agent from the field" who would tell what had been found out about each man. This information was to be compared to what was written on the notes.

Livni said that the idea of bringing the files was dropped when the GSS said that all the men had already been arrested. He had realized that this meant there was evidence against the men, so there was no point in asking to see the files, he said.

"From the first day I was arrested, I understood that the GSS had evidence likely to incriminate me. Otherwise they wouldn't have arrested me," Livni said.

Livni also told the court that the GSS agents had said during the interrogation that they knew everything, so there was no point in hiding details or names. "We said, 'If you know everything, arrest the men.' The GSS told us, 'We'll arrest them when we see fit.'" Livni testified.

Aids victim dies in Tel Aviv

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 32-year-old Tel Aviv homosexual died this week of Acquired Immunological Deficiency Syndrome (Aids) in Ichilov Hospital. He was the fifth person in Israel to die from this disease, the main victims of which are male homosexuals, hemophiliacs and Haitians.

Another Aids patient is hospitalized at Ichilov. His condition is described as critical. Another patient under observation at the hospital may have the disease, but doctors have not confirmed this yet.

Three other persons in Israel have contracted the disease which destroys the body's immunological system and causes a particular form of cancer. One, a boy from Beersheba, got the disease from blood imported from the U.S. for the treatment of his hemophilia. Another sufferer has undergone treatment at Ichilov for a cancerous growth. Both are described as being in stable condition. A third victim is a 20-year-old Tel Aviv man.

The Health Ministry has issued strict orders for the protection of doctors, nurses and technicians in Israeli hospitals who take care of patients who have, or who are suspected of having, Aids.

'Health workers face little risk of Aids'

BOSTON (AP). — Doctors and nurses who take care of Aids victims face very little risk of catching the disease from patients, even if they accidentally jab themselves with needles, according to a study released Wednesday.

The report was made public a day after health officials said a technician in a Boston-area lab may have caught Aids when he pricked himself with a needle while drawing blood.

The researchers found that an average of eight months after their exposure, none of the health workers surveyed had got Aids or had developed antibodies to the virus thought to cause the disease.

The risk of hospital workers catching Aids from their patients has been a concern since the outbreak began five years ago.

"It's conceivable that this accident

could happen," said Dr. Martin Hirsch, "but if it happens, it happens very rarely."

The study, followed the health of 85 doctors, nurses and technicians who had contact with body fluids from Aids patients. Among them were pathologists who performed autopsies, nurses who conducted endoscopy exams and technicians who analyzed blood samples. Also included were 30 people who had accidentally stabbed themselves with needles that had been used on Aids patients.

STYMIED. — Three men have been arrested as suspects in an attempt to smuggle electrical goods and cosmetics, reportedly valued at millions of shekels, into the country via Ashdod port recently.

Windshield signs to reassure army hitch-hikers

The Israel Rotary Club has distributed among its members a sign they can place inside their car's windshield informing hitch-hiking soldiers that the vehicle belongs to a member of the Rotary.

The sign is meant to reassure the hitch-hiker that if he accepts a ride in the vehicle he will be travelling in safety. The Rotary hopes that other institutions and organizations will follow this example.

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U.S. defence budget to be cut \$8b.

WASHINGTON. — Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has agreed to a cut of slightly less than \$8 billion in military spending in the next financial year, administration officials said.

Weinberger, who has been resisting cuts for the Pentagon, accepted a lower budget during a meeting with President Ronald Reagan, the officials said.

The cut represents about 2.8 per cent of the projected 1986 defence budget of \$286b. There were no

immediate indications of where savings would be made.

The cut will apply in the financial year beginning next October 1. It was demanded by Congressional leaders of Reagan's own Republican Party, who have said that deep cuts in domestic programmes ordered by Reagan to reduce soaring deficits would not get through Congress unless defence spending was also reduced.

Officials said Weinberger strongly resisted projected defence cuts of

\$20b. in the 1987 financial year and \$30b. in the following year.

These projected cuts were proposed by Reagan's budget director to meet goals for lowering future deficits through lower spending in domestic and military programmes.

In the past few weeks, Reagan has reduced spending on domestic programmes by \$34b. for 1986. The \$8b. defence cut will bring total spending reductions to \$42b., which was Reagan's original goal.

Shultz vows to consult allies on Geneva talks

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Secretary of State George Shultz told the NATO allies yesterday the U.S. approaches new arms talks with the Soviet Union "extremely seriously and very openmindedly" and promised them full consultation, diplomats said.

They said Shultz gave foreign ministers of the 16-nation North Atlantic Council an hour-long briefing on preparations for his talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Geneva on January 7 and 8.

He said they would be "talks about talks" rather than detailed negotiations, and urged patience. Shultz said Wednesday the U.S. had not yet finalized its position for the meeting as President Ronald Reagan had not yet made specific decisions.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher stressed in an opening speech that the Europeans expected to be consulted at every stage of the new talks and wanted their special security concerns to be addressed.

"It must be the aim of such consultations to ensure the active participation of the allies in the process of negotiations," he said.

"INF (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces) systems which are of special importance for the Europeans must be included in the negotiations," he said.

Echoing an appeal by Shultz to the Belgians and Dutch Wednesday, Genscher said the West European allies should continue to deploy U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles as long as concrete arms control results had not been achieved.

West German, Britain and Italy have so far deployed 102 cruise and Pershing-2 missiles on schedule under NATO plans to counter Soviet SS-20 rockets.

But Belgium and the Netherlands, under public pressure, have delayed their decisions in the hope that deployment may become unnecessary.

Diplomats said European ministers emphasized the need for a broad dialogue with Moscow and its East European allies, not just limited to arms control issues.

West German diplomats said Shultz had agreed that NATO's special consultative group, comprising senior officials from allied capitals under an American chairman, would be retained to monitor the new "umbrella" negotiations.

Swiss parliament votes to join UN

BERNE (Reuters). — The Swiss Parliament yesterday voted in favour of Switzerland joining the UN, leaving the way clear for a final decision in a national referendum.

Cardinal Sin distressed by Marcos's TV 'striptease'

MANILA (Reuters). — Church and state duelled yesterday over the health and manners of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, who bared his chest to the world last week to prove he had not had heart surgery.

Cardinal Jaime Sin, leader of the country's 43 million Roman Catholics, said Marcos was "no gentleman" and implicitly accused the government of mounting a steady stream of half-truths and deliberate lies about the president's health.

The church-backed weekly magazine *Veritas*, which the cardinal likes to refer to as "my newspaper," used the term "singularity tasteless."

Responding, Information Minister Gregorio Cendana said Marcos should be complimented rather than criticized for "baring the truth and setting the record straight."

Cendana said: "There is absolutely nothing improper in what the president did, especially when we consider that some people did not want to believe our statements about



Ferdinand Marcos

his health."

An editorial in *Veritas* compared the president's action with that of U.S. President Lyndon Johnson, who yanked up his shirt to show his scar from a gall bladder operation — "A singularly tasteless act," the magazine said.

It said Marcos, 67, "compounded his display of presidential bad manners by ordering an aide — an ambassador of the land, no less — to do an impromptu striptease by showing what the scar left by a heart bypass looked like."

Two children killed in Baghdad blast

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — An explosion in Baghdad on Wednesday killed two schoolchildren and wounded five other people, four of them critically, an Interior Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He blamed "agents of the Iranian and Syrian regimes" for the blast in central Baghdad.

All five wounded were university students. There are many schools and colleges in the area where some of the city's top international hotels are also located.

The Interior Ministry spokesman said: "Investigations uncovered the involvement of the Iranian and Sy-

rian regimes in the incident, which was aimed at the lives of innocent people."

He did not specify whether anyone had been caught.

Wednesday's blast was the first officially reported explosion since a string of bombings last year blamed on the Shi'ite fundamentalist Al-Da'awa Party.

Government statements have accused Al-Da'awa, which wants an Iranian-style regime in Iraq, of collaborating with Iran which has been at war with Iraq since September 1980.

Chinese engineer hangs himself in NY

NEW YORK (Reuters). — A Chinese engineer hanged himself from the roof of one of China's mission buildings in New York on Wednesday after trying to defect and then changing his mind, police said.

They said Xin Zhang, 49, was in a six-member Textile Ministry mission en route from New York to Guyana last Sunday when he suddenly de-

cided to ask immigration officials at Kennedy International airport for asylum.

Refusing to leave with the rest of his delegation, he met immigration officials in New York on Monday then left their office voluntarily.

The next day Xin went to the Chinese mission here and asked to return to China, police added.

Britain, Ireland to move out of time with Europe

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Britain and Ireland will continue to put their clocks back a month after other members of the European Community under summer-time arrangements for 1986-1988 agreed by the community transport ministers.

Summer-time will start in all member countries on the last Sunday in March. But Britain and Ireland will

revert to winter time on the fourth Sunday in October, rather than the last one in September when the other eight member countries will revert.

Community sources said ministers had been unable to agree on a synchronized system. British Labour members of the European Parliament say that getting into step with the rest of the community would disrupt the social lives of the British and increase crime by making it get dark earlier.

Cypriot leaders are to meet for first time since 1979

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — UN Mediators have persuaded the leaders of Cyprus's Greek and Turkish communities to hold their first direct talks in five years.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced Wednesday night that Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş had agreed to meet on January 17.

Cyprus has been virtually partitioned since Turkish troops occupied the northern part of the Mediterranean island in 1974.

Kyprianou and Denktaş last met in Nicosia in May 1979, also under UN auspices.

Perez de Cuellar told reporters that after prolonged consultations with both sides, sufficient progress had been achieved to "justify the

convening" of a high-level meeting. But he strongly hinted that much work remains before final agreement is reached on reuniting the Greek and Turkish ethnic communities under a new federal system.

"I think it is the beginning of an achievement. It is not an achievement so far," he said.

Kyprianou said in a statement: "Cautious optimism is now justified for the first time since 1974."

The Greek Cypriots seek to ensure the establishment of a strong central government. The Turkish Cypriots, who 13 months ago declared their own independent "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus," with Denktaş as its president, are aiming at a high degree of autonomy for their wing of a bicomunal state.

Ousted Mauritanian leader arrested on return home

DAKAR. — Mauritanian leader Mohammed Khouna Ould Haidalla, overthrown in his absence Wednesday, flew home to Nouakchott yesterday and was immediately arrested, informed sources in Dakar said last night.

They said the ousted president's Caravelle jet took off from the Ivory Coast capital of Abidjan yesterday afternoon and landed at Nouakchott airport, which was officially closed to international traffic.

Meanwhile, Mauritania's new leader Maouya Ould Sidi-Ahmed Taya announced the composition of his new government, 24 hours after taking over the North African nation in a bloodless coup. Taya was the armed forces chief of staff.

Airport officials in Dakar, Senegal, Mauritania's southern neighbour, said Haidalla's plane overflew Dakar's airport and preparations were being made to welcome him, but the plane did not land, going on instead to Nouakchott.

There had been reports that Haidalla, who flew Wednesday from Burundi at the close of the two-day summit to the Congo Republic, wanted to return to his country.

Haidalla was ousted to stop him amassing personal power, to raise moral standards and restore the credibility of the state, according to

Mauritanian Radio yesterday.

A commentary on the state radio, monitored Wednesday night by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said "the reorganization carried out today by (the governing) Military Committee for National Salvation was in response to the unanimous desire of the armed forces to remain loyal to the superior interest of the Mauritanian nation," it said.

The radio said the bloodless coup was a reply to the need to respect the institutions and credibility of the state and the aims set in the July 1978 coup which brought Haidalla to power.

It added: "This reorganization was necessary to prevent the accumulation of personal power to the detriment of the general interest and of respect for the rules governing public life..."

Mauritania Radio resumed normal broadcasting yesterday. A broadcast, monitored in Dakar, repeated communiques giving names of the members of the National Salvation Committee and saying a curfew was in effect and the country's airports closed.

No military music was played in contrast with normal procedure during African coups, and the broadcast said life is normal in Nouakchott. (AP, Reuters)

European Parliament rejects budget

STRASBOURG (AP). — The European Parliament overwhelmingly rejected the European Community's 1985 budget yesterday and asked the ministerial council to submit a new draft.

The parliament's resolution approved 319-5 with 16 abstentions, said the draft budget submitted by the EC council is unacceptable because it "does not cover twelve months of revenue and expenditure."

As of January 1, the community will operate under a provisional month-to-month system until a

budget is approved.

Ireland's Jim O'Keefe, president of the budget council, said the \$26.1 billion European currency unit (about \$19b.) draft budget covered only 10 months of the community's expenditures. But he said the governments of the 10-nation community have unanimously agreed on a "political" commitment to raise the needed cash later in the year.

The parliament, however, declared that a partial budget is illegal and insisted that the governments sign a "binding" agreement now to increase the community's revenues.

UN assails U.S., South Africa over Namibia

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The UN General Assembly overrode objections by the U.S. on Wednesday and voted to condemn what it said were "persistent attempts" by the U.S. and South Africa to delay the independence of Namibia.

After turning down a series of U.S.-proposed amendments by much narrower margins, the assembly adopted a 69-point omnibus resolution on Namibia by a vote of 128-0, with 25 abstentions.

Despite its objections, the U.S.

joined other western countries in abstaining on the resolution because of American involvement in the Namibian independence process. From 52 to 61 states, most of them western, backed the U.S. during the separate voting on each of the proposed amendments.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick appealed to the 159-member assembly before the vote to demonstrate "civility, fairness and factual accuracy" by deleting specific, critical references to the U.S. and to Israel in the main resolution and in two related resolutions.

Namibia, a mineral-rich former German colony also known as South West Africa, has been controlled by South Africa since World War I and, since 1966, in defiance of UN resolutions calling for the territory's independence.

Italian shops close in tax-bill protest

ROME (Reuters). — Some four million stores, bars, garages, tobacco shops and bakeries throughout Italy were closed by their owners yesterday in a continuing duel of strikes between sectors supporting or opposing an embattled fair tax bill.

Yesterday's closures, lasting half a day in most parts of the country but all day in a few areas, were called to protest against sections of a proposed tax bill that self-employed workers say would treat them unfairly.

The Confindustria Union, which groups the owners, said about 90 per cent of its members joined the strike and the rate was as high as 98 per cent in some major cities.

MENGISTU. — Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam left yesterday for an official visit to Cuba accompanied by his foreign minister and top economic planner.

Sports



Kevin Magee and Lee Johnson (right) of the Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team, take time out to visit Youth Aliya pupils at the Mikve Israel Agricultural School. Holding the basketball is Uri Gordon, head of Youth Aliya. (Dekel)

Real, United scale heights

LONDON (Reuters). — Real Madrid and Manchester United, two of the great glamour names of world soccer, re-discovered their former magic by qualifying against all the odds for the quarter-finals of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup.

The Spaniards, six times Champions' Cup winners but in sad decline in recent years, went into their third round, second-leg 3-0 in arrears to Anderlecht of Belgium, who have been hailed as the new "wonder team" of Europe.

But, in a stirring display, which recalled the days of Alfredo Di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas, Real stroled to a 6-1 victory in front of 95,000 spellbound spectators in the Bernabeu Stadium. Emilio Butragueno got a hat-trick, Jorge Valdano two goals, and Sanchis one. Sanchis scored in the third minute.

Only 22,250 fans crammed into the Tamsa Park to see Manchester United meet local side Dundee United, who appeared to have a place in the last eight within their grasp after a 2-2 draw at Old Trafford in the first leg.

But the English millionaires won a torrid and memorable encounter 3-2 for an unlikely 5-4 aggregate victory. Mark Hughes scored for United, they profited from an own goal by Gary McGee, and Arsenal Mahers clinched the victory 12 minutes from time.

Rapid of Austria ran out at "neutral" Old Trafford, home of Manchester United, to a hostile reception from more than 50,000 Celtic fans who had flooded into England for the tie.

UEFA ordered the match to be replayed at least 160 km. from Glasgow after a bottle-throwing incident during Celtic's 3-0 win in the original tie on November 7.

That result put the Scots into the last eight 4-3 on aggregate, but Rapid claimed that the bottle had hit one of their players, forcing him to go off. Having used both their substitutes, the Austrians, alleged, the incident had left them numerically weakened.

UEFA ordered the match to be replayed. Rapid were clearly in no mood to surrender their two-goal lead a second time. They played with style and composure from the start: despite facing a cacophony of booing and jeering every time they touched the ball.

Celtic struggled to recapture the form that carried them to victory at Parkhead last month, but they never looked capable of winning, after Paulie had collected a defensive clearance in the centre circle, outpaced Danny McGrain and slipped the ball past advancing Celtic goalkeeper Pat Bonner to put his side 1-0 up.

Several bottles were thrown on to the pitch. Celtic supporters braced security forces to attack Rapid players. Play was held up for two minutes in the 43rd minute when one fan ran across the pitch and punched Rapid goalkeeper Herbert Feurer before being dragged away by three policemen.

Then, as Rapid players celebrated their triumph on the pitch, another fan bundled Paulie to the ground near the entrance to the players' tunnel. He lay surrounded by policemen for some minutes before being helped away by Rapid coaching staff.

Internationale Milan beat Hamburg on away goals thanks to a late penalty by Irishman Liam Brady. Dynamo Minsk, Cologne, Videoton, Hungary, Zeynep Sarajevo and holders Tottenham are all through to the quarter-finals. Manchester Queens Park Rangers ended Southampton's unbeaten run of 15 games by winning a second replay 4-4 to advance to the quarter-final of the English Soccer Milk Cup.

Elements defied by runners

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

NETANYA. — Battling his way through a sandstorm interspersed with torrential hail and rain, Ashkelon's Yeheskel Halifa yesterday won the 9-km. international road race here in 32.06 minutes, with American new immigrant Yehuda Packer following him home 46 seconds adrift.

The next two places among the intrepid 150 starters went to home town boy Doron Ziman and England's Joseph Ritson, with respective times of 33.29 and 33.44.

For Halifa, 20, this was the latest of a remarkable string of athletic successes since he resumed competition in July after being injured three months earlier in the terrorist attack on the Ashkelon bus. Since then, the Ayalot club runner has taken part in

nine Israeli and overseas meets, and has won all but one of them. Halifa's coach is Yossi Avni.

First woman finisher was former British international running star Gloria Rickard in 44 minutes, with West German Maria Arbogast following her three minutes behind. England's Dave Stocker won the men's over-40 event and Israeli Eli Ron took first place in the over-45 category.

The Netanya meet replaced a scheduled cross-country race at Mishmar Hasharon, which organizer Barry Shaw was forced to cancel because of the appalling weather. The entry included 100 foreign athletes from a dozen countries, for whom this was the second leg of the inaugural "International Running Tour of Israel." The tour winds up at Monday's Sea of Galilee Marathon.

SOCCER PREVIEW

Leaders should win

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The National League pace-setters, Maccabi Haifa and Beitar Jerusalem, return from away triumphs to their home grounds tomorrow. They are both strong favourites to beat teams well down the table.

In Kiryat Haim, Maccabi Yavne will be the visitors. This Cinderella team's 8th place in the league has been earned by their dedication. In recent games, Yavne have beaten Hapoel Tel Aviv, Shimshon, and held Beitar Jerusalem and Maccabi Tel Aviv to draws. No team has shown more keenness in the National League and the side includes a fine goalkeeper in Freddy Lesser, a strong, tall striker in Eli Dricks, and good midfield players like David Vaknin and the experienced Rafi Eliahu. They will not yield easily to the champions.

Beitar at YMCA appear to have an easier task against the luckless Hakoah Ramat Gan, who floundered in 15th position with only nine goals to show from 12 league games. In comparison, the Jerusalem attack with Eli Ohana, Avi Golder, Sami Malka and Uri Mahmud has notched 26 goals. It would come as an

earthquake of a shock if Beitar failed to win this one.

Netanya fans will turn out to see the return of the Machness Twigs, once the toast of the diamond city, but now playing for Maccabi Petah Tikva. Oded Machness, for many seasons Netanya's most prolific striker, was in sparkling form last Saturday. The Netanya defence will have to devise a formula for stopping Oded, with brother Gad behind him, as well as Elisha Levy and Doron Rabison.

In Petah Tikva, Hapoel Lod will be hoping for their fourth consecutive win after an awful start to the season. Newly promoted Hapoel Petah Tikva will provide the opposition. They are a tough nut indeed to crack at home.

Shahar's fight

SYDNEY (AP). — Shahar Perkis put up a great fight in the New South Wales Open against the No.3 seed Kevin Curren, ranked 21 in the world, but eventually succumbed 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Other winners were Tom Gullikson, Ben Testerman, John Fitzgerald, Bill Scanlon, Samy Ginzburg, Mart Davis and Johan Kriek. Kriek has qualified for the Masters in January, ousting Aaron Krichstein.

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KAHANISM, which has become a synonym for racism, is a shameful, odious and dangerous phenomenon, which is in sharp contradiction to the values we most cherish.

Kahanism contravenes international law, upheld by civilized countries, and expressed by the convention to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination, to which Israel is a party. It is a distortion of Judaism, which is a religion of justice. It is in conflict with the Zionist idea, which seeks to create in the Land of Israel a society in which Jews and Arabs can live in peace and equality.

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THE COMBINATION of negative and positive elements renders it untenable and dangerous. It is only for our Arab citizens, but so - and most particularly - for the inhabitants of the State of Israel.

A member of the House Committee has compared Kahanism to Nazism, and we would do well to remain conscious of the similarity between these two movements. The bills that Kahane has sought to present to the Knesset contain the following: "Any Jew unwilling to accept the status of *ger toshav* (foreign resident - second-class citizen) and the obligations of taxes and serfdom, and who is unprepared to leave the country voluntarily will be forcibly deported: such residents 'will not be within the area of the city of Jerusalem'; 'separate beaches will be established for Jews and non-Jews'; 'a non-Jew will be permitted to live in a Jewish apartment building without the permission of the majority of its Jewish residents or, in the case of a private house or a building with less than five tenants, without the permission of most of the Jews living in the area'; 'a non-Jew who has sexual relations with a Jewish citizen or with a Jewish male will be sentenced to 50 years imprisonment; a Jewish prostitute or Jewish male who has sexual relations with a non-Jewish male should be sentenced to five years imprisonment. The court should have no discretion in handing down this punishment for these crimes...' and so on.

These bills, directed as they are at non-Jews, will, of necessity, be met with resistance. In Nazi Germany, it was not only Jews who fell victim to the regime; many Germans were imprisoned in concentration camps, tortured and murdered, and many paid a terrible price for not following the mad Nazi movement at the outset.

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Justice Berenson in a judgment delivered by the Supreme Court: When we were exiled from our country and banished far from our land, we were the victims of the actions of the world among whom we dwelt, and in every generation we knew the bitter taste of persecution, oppression and discrimination for no other reason than that we were Jews whose religion differed from all others.

Given this bitter and wretched experience, which penetrated very deeply into our national and individual consciousness, it was to be hoped that we would not follow the perverse ways of the gentiles, and that when we regained our independence in the State of Israel, we would take care to avoid any shadow of discrimination against any law-abiding non-Jew who wished to live among us according to his own way, faith and religion.

"The hatred of the stranger is a double curse: it removes the spirit of God from the hater and casts evil upon the hated, who has done nothing wrong. It is our duty to display humanity and tolerance to anyone created in the divine image and to uphold the great rule of equal rights and obligations for all men."

The battle against Kahanism, and for humanism, must be waged by various means. We must not only act through legal channels, which seem relatively easy and tempting, since the law alone cannot solve the problem. Moreover, if we concentrate our efforts on one way, we are liable to neglect the others.

The best and most efficient way, albeit the longest and most difficult, is education. It is highly doubtful whether we have done enough in this direction. In any case, we have certainly not been successful enough.

This should be enough to oblige us - not only those responsible for national education but also the family, members of Knesset, the media and everybody involved in education - to make a persistent and directed effort in this area.

THE LEGAL battle against Kahanism is liable, if we are not careful, to emerge as a double-edged sword, which could harm freedom of expression and possibly also other freedoms, such as the freedom of association.

We must be careful that the fight against Kahanism should not bring us to unnecessarily harm those principles and values which we have taken such pains to cultivate.

The inherent danger to citizens' rights in the battle against Kahanism is one of the great threats of Kahanism. For this reason, we must strive for the optimum balance between fighting racism on the one hand and preserving civil liberties on the other.

We can be guided by a test laid down by the Supreme Court: only when there is a clear and present danger to public peace is there a justification for interfering with freedom of expression.

Applying this test to Kahanism, one can say that until recently there were grounds for believing that even though Kahanism was a sick movement, it was nothing more than a marginal phenomenon and did not constitute any real danger.

It seemed tolerable so long as it did not engage in any blatant infringement of the law, and as long as the damage incurred by fighting it seemed likely to exceed any benefit.

However, Kahane's election to the Knesset changed all that. It not only showed that Kahane had a real public following, which made the danger very real; it was not only that he now had a platform and immunity which strengthened his position and intensified the danger - it was that the very fact of his election to the Knesset might be interpreted as a seal of legitimacy.

All this creates, to my mind, a clear and present danger to Israel's social order, and thus the time has come to take counter-measures.

When I said that Kahane had to be shown a red light, the reply was that this is not enough and that his vehicle ought to be taken off the road. I agree; the question is how. We do not wish to adopt Kahane's own methods and shoot at the car or force it off the highway. We must stay within the limits of the law, and, if necessary, amend it.

FIRST OF ALL, the law as it stands must be applied. As soon as Kahane was elected to the Knesset, it was decided that the police and the public prosecution should take firm action against any infringement of the law by Kahane's people or Kahane himself, as far as his immunity allowed.

When Kahane threatened to break into the president's residence during the consultations over the formation of the government, the police were instructed to bar his entry and even detain him should he try to force his way in.

Afterwards, when he provocatively announced his intention to visit the village of Taibe after his plan to go to Umm el-Fahm ended in violence, the police announced that they would prevent the visit. When one of Kahane's henchmen published an article which was a serious incitement to racism, he was charged. And recently, after Kahane and Kahane appeared in print praising the person who fired a rocket at an Arab bus in the heart of Jerusalem, I asked the police to investigate the case.

All these instances indicate a clear policy on the part of the police and the public prosecutor to take firm action against illegal manifestations of racism.

But the law as it stands today is insufficient for an effective battle against racism. In the past, the phenomenon seemed such a marginal one that the legislature saw no need to deal with it specifically and directly. The word "racism" does not appear in any law; incitement to racism is not specifically laid down as an offence; establishing an organization to incite racism is not prohibited explicitly, and the law does not prevent a representative of such an organization from running for election to the Knesset.

When the Central Elections Committee for the 11th Knesset decided six months ago to disqualify Kahane from running in the elections, an appeal against the decision in the Supreme Court was allowed.

IT IS UNFAIR today to criticize the court for its decision, especially if such criticism comes from the Knesset, since there is no doubt that had the law forbidden a racist list from participating in the elections, the court would have ruled accordingly. Thus, there is a need not only to enforce the law as it stands, but also to amend it, so as to make it contain a specific and clear answer to racism.

Recently, the Justice Ministry drew up two bills on the subject. The first, designed to amend the Basic Law: The Knesset, lays down that a list of candidates will not be eligible to take part in elections to the Knesset if "one of its aims, overt or covert, negates the establishment of the State of Israel, its security or democratic nature, if the list supports incitement to racism, or if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it will serve as a front for illegal activity."

The second bill amends the penal law and lays down specifically that "anyone who publishes material which is an incitement to racism, or publishes anything intended to cause racism is liable to two years' imprisonment."

A bill which prohibits racial incitement is not the complete answer when the incitement is caused by a Knesset member, who still enjoys protection under the law of parliamentary immunity.

It has always been accepted that the government refrain from suggesting amendments to this law, which is designed chiefly to protect Knesset members against the government. So this time, too, the Ministry of Justice refrained from suggesting any amendment to the immunity law. This is a matter for the Knesset itself. If it is of the opinion that the immunity of a Knesset member who incites to racism should be removed or limited, the way is open for any MK to submit a private member's bill on the subject.

NOW TO the proposal on the agenda of the House Committee of the Knesset. Presented by MKs Edna Solidor and Yossi Sarid, it seeks to circumscribe Kahane's freedom of movement. The proposal was presented to the House Committee as a response to Kahane's declared intention to visit Arab villages and other places in which Arabs live or work, in order to present his stand.

These are provocative visits, aimed not only at presenting positions, but also at creating unrest and turmoil. It is clear in advance that they would necessitate an unusual deployment of police, and would very probably lead to the disruption of law and order and even serious acts of violence. This is what occurred when Kahane went to Umm el-Fahm.


Despite the fact that the police finally stopped him from entering the village, severe disturbances broke out during which policemen were injured, residents were arrested and only a miracle prevented loss of life. The police were faced with a serious problem in this case, in addition to the great effort involved in deploying hundreds of men to maintain public order - that is, Kahane's immunity as a Member of the Knesset.

The law of parliamentary immunity provides (in section 9) that an MK is not subject to any order restricting entry to any place in the country that is not private. Thus, it may be argued that if the police prohibit Kahane from entering a certain village on a certain day in order to prevent disturbance of the peace and infringement of the law, that prohibition does not apply to Kahane. However, the law itself goes on to say (section 13) that any MK may request the lifting of any privilege conferred on MKs by this law, and any such request is to be discussed by the House Committee and finally determined in the plenum. On the basis of this provision, the request to restrict Kahane's freedom of movement was submitted to the House Committee.

When I was asked by the committee whether I thought the request should be acceded to, I answered in the affirmative. This is the first time the Knesset has discussed such a request, and it may serve as a precedent, which makes it a sensitive issue. Nonetheless, I believe that the Knesset's decision can, in this case, be formulated so as to be restricted to the special circumstances surrounding this particular man and this particular issue, without creating a precedent for other, different, cases.

FIRST OF ALL, given that the proposal has already been presented to the House Committee, it would in my view be wrong for the committee not to make a decision on its merits. During discussions in the committee, it was said that the ball was in the court of the attorney-general. Even if we continue the metaphor, it would be wrong for the committee to throw the ball to the attorney-general and leave the court.

Attorney-General Itzhak Zamir (right) describes the legal measures that are necessary to restrict provocative actions by Knesset Members who propagate the ideology of racism under the protection of immunity.



Cracking down on Kahane



(Andre Brutmman)

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pressing its view on Kahane's behaviour or if it rejects the proposal to limit his privilege, it might be publicly interpreted as if the Knesset does not clearly and firmly object to Kahane's actions.

In my opinion, the Knesset ought to express its clear objection to Kahane's actions, and actively limit these actions. The Knesset knew full well when the law of parliamentary immunity was passed that the special privileges it conferred on MKs could, like any other privileges, be abused.

For this reason, it reserved the right, in section 13 of the same law, to limit or abrogate these privileges. This right, like any other, carries not only authority but also the obligation to exercise that authority when circumstances demand it. It is, therefore, the Knesset's obligation to restrain an MK who is misusing one of the privileges accorded him under the immunity law.

ISN'T THIS what we are dealing with? Kahane is not using his right to freedom of movement innocently and honestly when he makes advance announcements of his intention to enter this or that Arab village and preach about driving Arabs out of Israel or breaking up marriages between Jewish girls and Arab men - knowing that the announcement itself will cause ferment, uproar and law-breaking. This is like a Knesset member who was elected on the basis of a platform pledged to fight religious coercion announcing that on Yom Kippur he will get a microphone, drive into Mea She'arim and preach there against religious coercion.

When, if not in this instance, will the Knesset exercise the authority given it in section 13 of the parliamentary immunity law? Will it wait until there is actual loss of life? The Knesset's decision to limit Kahane's freedom of movement, insofar as this is required to prevent serious infringements of law and order, will probably relieve the police of the need to decide on its own under which circumstances and to what extent an MK's rights may be limited.

In the absence of such a decision, the police had to decide whether Kahane could enter Umm el-Fahm. Now Kahane is claiming in a petition submitted to the Supreme Court, that the police are not authorized to prevent him entering any Arab village, in opposition to section 9 of the parliamentary immunity law.

I CLAIM, against this, that in certain circumstances, this authority is given to the police, for example, in cases here life is at stake. Nonetheless, whatever the court rules, I believe that it is preferable for such authority to be exercised by the Knesset and not by the police.

If the House Committee rejects the proposal to limit Kahane's freedom of movement out of the fear of creating a precedent, it is liable to create a far more serious precedent from its own point of view, since then the task, for lack of an alternative, will fall upon the police.

The parliamentary immunity law is designed mainly to prevent the authorities, notably the police, from interfering with the rights of a Knesset member in the absence of special permission from the Knesset itself.

If the Knesset wishes to retain the authority to protect the rights of MKs generally, and not transfer it to the police, it must exercise its authority now and limit Kahane's freedom of movement to the extent that public order requires it.

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GETTING IN ON THE ACT

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ALL THAT EMBARRASSMENT in the Prime Minister's Office over who was to be temporary boss last weekend was apparently another instalment in Herut's ongoing war of attrition between Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy.

According to those in the know, when the cabinet authorized Prime Minister Shimon Peres' journey to Paris, it was taken for granted that Shamir would fill in until his return last Saturday night and then take the overnight flight to New York in good time for the Yeshiva University ceremony on Monday afternoon, in which honorary doctorates were bestowed on both him and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. However, the feud between the NRP's Yosef Burg and Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz over the allocation of the Interior and Religious Affairs portfolios obliged the cabinet to convene an unscheduled meeting on the Tuesday. It was then that Shamir sought his colleagues' OK for an earlier departure for the U.S. Apparently he wanted to fit a meeting into the crowded court schedule of Minister of Industry and Trade

Ariel Sharon.

Events then took on a Rashomon-like character, with Shamir's friends claiming that his recommendation that fellow party faction ally Moshe Arens not only become acting foreign minister but take over the PM's job for 48 hours too was an oversight. That would have put the former aeronautics professor in the unique position of holding in trust the three senior cabinet posts, for Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin had asked him to take over for him during his trip to London.

This hiatus in the government ended after a hurried trans-Mediterranean phone call between Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon and Peres, who was staying at the Hotel Marigny, the official French government guest house.

The sight of his Labour counterpart becoming number one — if only for the weekend — served only to heighten Levy's factional battle with



David Levy



Teddy Kollek



Shlomo Lahat

(Rabiner)

Shamir. Yet experts on the history of the Likud years point out that former premier Menachem Begin declined to install his Herut deputy in his seat during his travels abroad, preferring instead his Liberal deputy, the late Simha Ehrlich, and on one occasion even then NRP education minister Ze'evulun Hammer.

AT SUNDAY'S cabinet meeting, Peres basked in the warmth of his fellow ministers' plaudits for the smashing success of his revival of the French Connection. Not forgetting that he is acting Religious Affairs minister. Peres reported to his religious colleagues on how careful he had been over Sabbath observance, walking to his engagements on the Sabbath. He also told them that President Francois Mitterrand went out of his way to order kosher catering for the official banquet at the Elysée Palace — the first time ever in its long history.

Boaz Appelbaum, director of the prime minister's bureau, told me that the two highlights of the visit, from his vantage point, were, first, the "fantastic reception at the National Assembly, when all the deputies from the far right to the Communists gave our prime minister a standing ovation when he entered the chamber."

The other highlight, said Appelbaum, was their Friday evening visit to the home of actor-couple Simone Signoret and Yves Montand on the Ile de la Cite. "It was very cold and we walked for about 40 minutes," he recalled.

Peres was also accompanied by his close friend and former ambassador to France, Asher (Artur) Ben-Natan and his media counsellor, Uri Savir. The premier apparently conducted an interesting conversation (in French) with the celebrated couple

about the differences between the cultures of the right and the left in various societies and invited them to visit Israel. Signoret revealed that she was writing her third book, this time a novel (her first two works were autobiographical).

THE MOST IMMEDIATELY tangible proof of our renewed ties with France arrived Wednesday at the PM's Office — an Apple Mackintosh personal computer presented to Peres during his visit to the Centre of the Information Epoch headed by Jean-Jacques Servais-Schreiber, who is sending a delegation here to study whether a similar centre can be set up in Israel.

Meanwhile Appelbaum and his staff are delighted that plans are materializing for bringing the PM's Office in line with the boss' resounding declaration in the cabinet this week: that Israel would "effect a scientific-industrial revolution by co-operation with France within one year."

A BIG TALKING POINT in Paris as well as in Jerusalem during the Peres visit was the marked absence of his wife, Sonia, which created problems of protocol in the French capital. Once again the publicity-shy wife of our eighth prime minister demonstrated how much she differs from former PMs' wives. Shulamit Shamir and Lea Rabin, both of whom always accompanied their husband on official missions.

Mrs. Peres, whom I'm told moved only reluctantly to the official residence in Talbich, from the Peres flat in Ramat Aviv, has served notice that she has no inclination for the ceremonial side of her husband's work, and stated that she will continue zealously to guard her family's privacy.

ONE OF THE MORE fascinating tidbits brought back by the Peres mission is the story that President Hafez Assad told Mitterrand in all seriousness during the French leader's visit to Damascus that "Jesus was a Syrian... and the Ten Commandments were handed down on Syrian soil."

WORLD WIZO representative at the United Nations, Evelyn Sommers, found herself one of the few delegates of non-Communist Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) travelling to Cuba to attend the preparatory committee of the forthcoming Nairobi conference concluding the U.N.'s Women's Decade. The attractive Spanish-speaking Wizo delegate met Cuban ruler Fidel Castro and found him charming.

When she was introduced to him, Castro asked her whom she represented, and she told him: the Women's International Zionist Organization. He then asked, "Where do you come from?" "The U.S.," she replied, summoning up the courage to ask him: "What can I tell my women Zionists on your behalf?" Replied Castro: "Give them my most cordial regards." When he encountered her at the Havana City reception for the delegates, he hailed her with "Ah, here's La Hebraica (The Jewess)." In his speech, the Cuban leader declared: "Discrimination against women in Cuba has its roots in our Arab and Spanish tradition."

RAYA JAGLOM, World Wizo president, was thrilled this week to find in her post bag her first letter allowed through from "the angel of the refuseniks" Ida Nudel. The letter was written from Nudel's lonely place of internal exile in Bessarabia.

Mount Carmel, and its executive director is Bill Phillips, formerly the Haifa Technion's external relations head.

PERES AND OTHER ministers, along with U.S. Ambassador Sam Lewis, this week gathered at the graveside of Golda Meir on Mt. Herzl to mark the sixth anniversary of her death. They were joined by her longtime aide and companion, Lou Kaddar, and her children Sarah and Menachem. The latter will next week attend the Tel Aviv Municipality's dedication of Ginat Golda, a garden near the family home in Ramat Aviv, to where Golda's daughter and son-in-law Zechariah moved recently when they left Kibbutz Revivim. On the same day, Mayor Lahat will inaugurate the Golda Centre, modelled on New York's Lincoln Centre, near the Tel Aviv Museum.

IN SIMULATION OF Kollek, Lahat is getting Tel Aviv its own Mishkenot Sha'ananim, named Mishkenot Yamin, with the help of the ruling West German Christian Democratic Party (CDU).

This week, the mayor, West German Ambassador Niels Hansen, and Karl-Heinz Bilke, executive director of the CDU's Konrad Adenauer Foundation, signed an agreement committing the Germans to investing DM2.5m. in converting the Scotch (Church) House in Jaffa into the Konrad Adenauer Centre. A further DM2.5m. will be donated by the Axel Springer newspaper empire for the project, which will be run by the Tel Aviv Foundation.

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JERUSALEM, the capital of Israel, has been a united city since the Israeli annexation of East Jerusalem and large areas of its periphery in the immediate aftermath of the Six Day War of June 1967.

Seventeen-and-a-half years have now passed in which the Jewish and Arab parts of the city have been united — just a year or so less than the time Jerusalem was divided following the siege of the Jewish city in the 1948 War of Independence.

And yet, a study of the degree of familiarity of Arab and Jewish high school students with major streets, buildings and institutions in the "opposite" side of the city found that familiarity was the exception rather than the rule.

While 48 per cent of the Arab students could locate the Hamashbir department store correctly and 42 per cent did equally well with a major thoroughfare such as King George Avenue, only 4 per cent knew where the Rehavia Gymnasium was and only 20 per cent could locate the main football pitch in the western city at the YMCA.

If anything, the Jewish students were worse. Half could identify and more or less correctly locate the main Arab shopping street, Salah ed-Din, and the street of Arab garages in Wadi Jhoz. But only 9 per cent knew where the main Arab football field was and only 4.3 per cent could locate the Rashidiya secondary school and even fewer the other main shopping street, Az-Zahara.

An interesting exception to the pattern of mutual geographical knowledge (or lack of it) was that whereas 55 per cent of the Jewish students could locate the Rockefeller Museum in the eastern city, only 38 per cent of the Arab students could identify it, even though it is only a few hundred metres away from Rashidiya, the main Arab high school in that part of town.

The survey above and a wealth of other findings are contained in a fascinating study of "Inter-relationships between the Jewish and Arab Sectors in Jerusalem" carried out over the past two years by Dr. Michael Romann and recently published by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies.

Dr. Romann and his team studied inter-relationships in the fields of employment, business, transportation, consumption, residential areas, municipal and cultural institutions and in many other fields.

WHAT THEY found after 17 years of the formal unification of the city can be summed up in the conclusions to their study:

"The inter-relationships between the Jewish and Arab sectors of Jerusalem after 1967 reveal a pattern of separation that is much more far-going and unusual in comparison with other relevant examples.

"The separation between the Jewish and Arab sectors and populations was found to be much more extreme

WORLDS APART

Nearly 18 years after the unification of Jerusalem, the city's Jewish and Arab residents continue to lead very separate lives, reports The Jerusalem Post's Yosef Goell.



Yosef Goell

than in other 'mixed cities' such as Belfast, Nicosia, Montreal and Brussels.

"Even in cities in which different national identities are accompanied by varying degrees of political conflict, the degree of separation, as defined by the indicators (used in the study) and by the quality of functional relations, is nowhere as great as in united Jerusalem.

"In all the relevant comparisons, residential segregation is nowhere as total, and not every bus and taxicab have sectoral identities, not even in cities where the political conflict expresses itself in day to day life in much more extreme fashion than that which characterizes co-existence in Jerusalem since its reunification."

Translation: Life between Jews and Arabs is more peaceful in Jerusalem than is the case between the different ethnic populations in other troubled mixed cities. But Jews and Arabs have less to do with each other than those other mixed populations do.

The study found that the degree of separatism between Jews and

Arabs in Jerusalem is much more extreme than what is to be found in other mixed Jewish-Arab cities in Israel. Moreover, the level of Arab-Jewish separatism in Jerusalem is of an entirely different order of magnitude than the divisions among different Jewish ethnic and religious groups or among different Arab groups.

NOT ONLY is the degree of separatism extreme but there has been a noticeable retrogression in recent years in the limited areas of active inter-relations.

In the early years, after the initial shock of the Israeli take-over of the Arab part of the city in 1967, some Arab landlords would rent flats to Israelis, but this has nearly stopped in recent years. In the beginning, some Arab landowners even sold land to Israeli Jews, but this ceased after the promulgation of a Jordanian law that decreed the death sentence to any Arab "found guilty" of selling land to Jews.

In the immediate aftermath of the Six Day War and of the Israeli takeover of the Arab city, the Jordanian curriculum in the schools was replaced by an Israeli one. Several years later this was reversed and the curriculum that is followed today in all the Arab schools in "Israeli" Jerusalem is the Jordanian one.

Or take the case of currency. In the aftermath of 1967, when East Jerusalem was annexed and the West Bank was placed under Israeli military government, the Jordanian dinar was retained as the official currency in the West Bank but declared illegal in Jerusalem itself.

But in time the Israeli authorities turned a blind eye to this "illegality," and the dinar is today used by Jerusalem Arabs even more intensively than inflation-wracked Israelis use the U.S. dollar.

In fact, several weeks ago when the police went through a theatrical exercise of clamping down on the dollar black market in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, 13 official Arab money changers in Jerusalem were forbidden to continue dealing in dollars but permitted to deal in dinars, although formally this continues to be illegal.

"The 67,000 Arabs who resided in the eastern city and its periphery in

1967 have grown to 120,000. This is slightly above the 25 per cent of the total population in the united city which the Arabs accounted for 17 years ago.

From the time of annexation, the city's Arabs were offered Israeli citizenship, but with the exception of several score all others rejected the offer and remain citizens of Jordan. As non-Israelis, they cannot vote in the Israeli national elections. As residents, however, they are entitled to vote in municipal elections.

The national conflict has led to an Arab determination to boycott participation in these elections, too. But thousands have defied the boycott and voted for Teddy Kollek personally in recognition of his role as champion of Arab interests which would otherwise have gone unrepresented.

MANDATORY Palestine and Jerusalem were always ethnically diverse entities in which different ethnic groups lived separately. The same is true of today's Jerusalem, only more so than ever before.

There are certainly examples of

interaction. Many, if not most Jerusalem Arabs have learned Hebrew, but few Jewish-Jerusalemites have bothered to learn Arabic. Most Arabs work in the Jewish economic sectors.

Jews repair their cars in Arab-staffed garages in Wadi Jhoz and shop in the Old City suk, and some even get their teeth fixed by Arab dentists at half the price they would pay in Western Jerusalem. (Some time ago it was reported that a growing number of Israeli Jewish women were going to Jerusalem Arab gynecologists for abortions that were made more difficult to get in Israel since the concessions made to Agudat Yisrael by the Begin government in 1979.)

But Arabs and Jews live separately and as much as possible live in nearly hermetically sealed separate mental worlds.

Even where there is joint activity the two populations often refuse to perceive it and admit its existence. An example given by the Romann study are the watermelon emporia in the street leading to Damascus Gate, which Jews believe to be Arab establishments although some of them are owned by Jews or by Jews and Arabs in partnership.

One of the study's conclusions is: "Inter-relations in employment and business, joint services or adjacent residential neighbourhoods have hardly expressed themselves in joint voluntary activities, neighbourly relations or intermarriage. Above all, functional relations between Jews and Arabs have not changed their polar positions regarding the political fate of the city. One can, in effect, say that more than inter-relations between the sectors have contributed to a political dialogue, they have reflected the continuing conflict even in the reality of a united city."

To Amir Heshin, the former IDF spokesman in Jerusalem who has been the mayor's adviser on the Eastern City for the past nine months, Arab-Jewish "integration" is something akin to a dirty word.

He admits that he tried to get publication of the study suspended as not contributing to the smooth implementation of official policy which he defines as "the creation of ideal conditions for co-existence between the two separate communities."

He believes that much has been done over the years to better the lives of the Arab population but he does not delude himself that it was even close to enough.

The initial differences between the two populations, their different life styles and the on-going political conflict were simply too overwhelming to have permitted much more than the progress that was made.

TEDDY KOLLEK has been mayor for the entire seventeen-and-a-half years since the Israeli take-over of the Arab city and much of the prog-

ress can be attributed to Kollek "the powerhouse," Heshin believes. But Kollek is in his mid 70s today. What happens after him, we asked.

Heshin believes that Kollek has succeeded in raising an entire new generation of elected officials and administrators who are sufficiently committed to the idea of fair — and striving for equal — co-existence to ensure that the policy will continue even after he leaves city hall.

An enormous amount must still be done to make the Arabs feel comfortable and equal in their parts of the city, he admits. He adds the obvious that the main problem today is the lack of budgets. Still, the city fathers under Teddy are trying to inculcate into each municipal department head the duty to allocate fair shares of their budgets to the needs of Arab neighbourhoods and general Arab services.

ONE QUESTION raised by the study, Heshin consistently sidestepped. The picture that arises from the study, and in effect in the mind of anyone who lives in and knows "united Jerusalem," is that the demographic, economic and social facts on the ground make East Jerusalem more a part of the West Bank than of an Israeli Jerusalem.

Kollek's policy and his personality have certainly been major factors in ensuring a remarkably peaceful Jerusalem. But they quite clearly go counter to the broad Israeli consensus that if and when the time comes for talks with the Arabs on the future of the territories, the fact of a united Israeli Jerusalem will never be questioned.

The facts on the ground, close to 18 years after formal unification, say differently. Jewish and Arab Jerusalem remain two separate cities.

Should official Israeli policy want it to be different? Could it, or can it still be changed? Heshin preferred to side-step the question. But it remains more than a nagging one.

A final note on complexities and how people deal with them in real life.

There are totally separate Jewish and Arab bus lines. Arabs use Jewish buses, nearly no Jews use Arab buses. But Jews do use Arab taxis.

Israel has never published a Jerusalem telephone directory in Arabic, although the phone service throughout the city is part of the Israeli government phone service. Many Arabs, even those who can speak Hebrew, can't read it.

Individual Arab entrepreneurs, however, have excerpted the names of all the Arabs from the Hebrew phone book and have published the names and numbers in Arabic. But the Arabic book excludes the names and numbers of all Jews and of Israeli institutions. Which adds a further stumbling block to those few who would want to "inter-relate."

A very present force

Post Diplomatic Correspondent David Landau looks at the life and times of a brilliant young policy-maker

from grace is comparable only to the expulsion from Eden in its cataclysmic awfulness. (The role of the angels with their twirling swords is played by the security men at the glass doors, with their bulging pockets and little walkie-talkies.)

Only in Novik's case the cognoscenti would be wrong. Less evident to the public eye than perhaps he would have been had he stayed quartered in the Bureau, Nimrod Novik, Shimon Peres' foreign policy adviser, is still a very present force, indeed in the premier's intimate circle of aides.

When Peres meets with foreign officials or leads foreign policy discussions, Novik is at his elbow. When the premier is busy with domestic affairs, Novik is down the corridor, drafting, writing, marshalling, assessing, filtering the mass of material that streams to the prime minister, coordinating with other ministries and government agencies.

Dr. Novik, 38, is a relative newcomer to Peres' coterie of bright young men. He was taken aboard a year ago at the instance of Dr. Yosef Beilin, now cabinet secretary, who was then political aide to the leader of the opposition.

But Novik was by no means an unknown quantity. His reputation as a brilliant strategic analyst, and a solid expert in American political affairs, was amply established in the academic community. He was a prolific scholar on the staff of the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies in Tel Aviv, and his writings were well-known to a broader public interested in political science.

NOVIK DATES his first tentative sally from the halls of academe to the corridors of power back to his post-doctoral days at the University of Pennsylvania. Alexander Haig, recently retired as commander of Nato, was considering a bid for the presidency, and the young Israeli scholar was enlisted to advise the would-be candidate on Middle East affairs.

More recently, as a fellow of the Jaffee Centre, Novik was frequently involved in informal lobbying assignments in Washington on behalf of Israel.

Indeed, his government career would have been launched under the Likud, were it not for the zealous



Nimrod Novik with Prime Minister Peres.

(Government Press Office)

Ambassador-designate Moshe Arens had heard Novik lecture on American politics, and had been much impressed. Arens asked Novik to come with him to Washington as counsellor for Congressional affairs.

"I didn't even ask about his politics. I didn't care," Arens recalls today. (Novik is several light years away from the ultra-hardline Herut minister.) "I was impressed by his insights into our relations with the U.S., and I thought he would be the best man for the job."

But the staff committee ruled that it was not to be. One outsider, Binyamin Netanyahu, was enough. For the rest of his staff Arens would have to make do with the available ministerial talent.

Arens had recourse to Novik's talents some time later, when, as minister of defence, he commissioned options studies on Lebanon from Jaffee Centre director Aharon Yariv.

There was some interaction too, Novik recalls, between the Foreign

with the prime minister's office — never!

When Beilin put together Peres' pre-election "100 first days team," Novik joined as the foreign policy expert. The work of the team, he says, the studies and papers and recommendations, was by no means rendered redundant by the election results and the establishment of a unity government. For instance, the factory-to-factory survey undertaken then is very much at the heart of the government's industrial growth policy today.

The team's ideas on "quality of life" on the West Bank are also directly relevant to today's policies there. The work done then on local government is being translated into practical legislation. And on Lebanon "both Peres and Rabin are familiar with the analyses and policy-options we mapped out then in their decision-making now," says Novik.

Another key member of the "100-days" team, Dr. Amnon Neubach, is

THIS, THEN, is the aggregate of the experience and qualifications which Nimrod Novik brings with him to his present, pivotal position. It is an impressive account of a young man with an outstanding mind, an engaging personality, and political savvy.

But is it an adequate curriculum vitae for a prime minister's foreign policy adviser? It does not contain any first-hand experience of statecraft, of the nuts and bolts of international diplomacy.

This lacuna has been pointed out — as might have been expected — by the professionals over at the Foreign Ministry. Some of them, jealous or suspicious of Novik, point it out with relish. Others, recognizing the man's brain-power and talents, and anxious for him to succeed, point it out with concern.

It has been pointed out, too, by friendly foreign diplomats who have been at once enthused and bemused by the stream of new and original thinking — some of it quixotic in their view — which is now pouring forth from the Prime Minister's Bureau.

Moshe Arens has no patience for these detractors: "Things have changed since Talleyrand's day," he snorts. "My own experience in Washington taught me that you don't have to have been a diplomat in order to be a diplomat."

In the past — except under Menachem Begin who was sui generis — in so many respects — the prime minister's foreign policy adviser was invariably a foreign service man. Arens says he respects the professionalism of the foreign service, but he is "not so convinced that it is all that important in giving advice to a prime minister."

He would strongly favour, he says, the seconding of a senior Foreign Ministry man to the Defence Ministry, and vice-versa. This is built into the American system, and, says Arens, it would make for better coordination and cross-fertilization if it were introduced here. But he does not see a need for it on the prime minister's staff.

Novik himself, a straight-talker with a winning frankness, has a ready defence against the charge of inexperience. In American university application forms, he says, one is required to list academic qualifications "or equivalent." While he perhaps does not have the practi-

diplomat, he says, "and obviously there's no substitute for it," he brings to his post entirely adequate "equivalents."

"I don't think you have to practise something in order to appreciate its delicate components."

With Premier Peres himself vastly experienced and profoundly knowledgeable in the practice of international relations, Novik adds, "there is simply no problem — period."

He says, too — and this is confirmed in the Foreign Ministry — that he enjoys "marvellous cooperation with the Foreign Ministry at all levels."

THE ASSERTION or suspicion that the Foreign Ministry is somehow being cut out of the action is "a gross exaggeration... in 98 per cent of the things we do, they are fully involved. But it is true that there are some issues which the prime minister would prefer to pursue in a more intimate way (though he keeps Shimon informed and consults with him regularly)."

Part of the question, as Novik sees it, is how a prime minister makes use of the bureaucracy — not just the Foreign Ministry, but all the various other agencies comprising what he calls "an entire, awesome national system which is available to assist us."

"On a subject such as Taba, for instance, the premier will call in experts from various departments to hear their reports, assessments and views. The ultimate decision-making itself, however, is a more secluded and excluded process." (On Taba, as it happens, the Foreign Ministry was strangely omitted from a broad discussion of the issue convened by Peres about a month ago.)

But Novik raises intriguing doubts about the relative proportions of the 98 per cent and the remaining 2 per cent when he remarks: "When was the Foreign Ministry ever involved in the most sensitive issues? Dayan as Foreign Minister was the exception. Relations with America and the peace process have always, traditionally, been handled in the prime minister's office..."

The peculiar situation of Israel 1984, with the prime minister and the foreign minister heading the two opposing political camps, has "coincided with and amplified that tradition," says Novik.

He is a firm believer, he says, in discreet contacts and secret negotiations — implying that the prime minister is, too. The contents of such contacts is sometimes totally different from the more public forms of dialogue between states and statesmen. He repeatedly refers to the Dayan-Tohamy meetings of autumn 1977 in Morocco, which paved the way to the Sadat peace initiative.

ately vague and unspecific, seemed to dovetail with the current spate of reports of backchannel contacts with Egypt and Jordan. The professor-turned-adviser gives nothing away — except a sense of excitement and anticipation which is enormously refreshing after Israel's long years in the diplomatic doldrums.



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"I'M RATHER an exception in the cabinet. I publicly support government policy."

Minister of Communications Amnon Rubinstein, chairman of the Shinui Party, was giving his impressions of the government after his first three months as a member of the administration.

He feels that the national unity government has already paid off by markedly reducing political acrimony and by its almost overnight relaxation of tension between the various segments of the nation.

He considered that in his short months in office, Shimon Peres has proven himself to be a good prime minister. "Displaying endless reserves of stamina, patience and patience. He is the right man in the right place at the right time. Given his qualities, he is just the leader to control a cabinet containing an assembly of such conflicting ideas and personalities."

Rubinstein was pleasantly surprised at the way the government was working out, comparing the present climate with that of 1981 when, at the height of individual prosperity, the country was riven by hatred and violence.

He had been fearful that the trend would not last long once a recession set in, "but despite the worsening economic situation and rising unemployment, the atmosphere of tension has been dispelled, largely as a result of the rapprochement at the top. For that we should all be most grateful." He hastened to add that he excluded from this commendation the inability to reduce the capacity of the religious parties to hold the coalition to ransom day after day.

HE ACCEPTED as a basic premise that a narrow government would have been unworkable in the economic crisis, whichever of the two main

parties led it.

The national government had been called into being to find a way out of that crisis and the Lebanon quagmire, both of which were left behind "by you know who." He explained his failure to mention the Likud by name by the fact that "we have a gentlemen's agreement for the sake of coalition peace and quiet. But there's no reason why the press shouldn't spell it out."

Coming to the constant sniping by Likud ministers against cabinet decisions, Rubinstein remarked drily:

"The rules of collective cabinet responsibility are honoured more in the breach than in the observance. Alas, that has been true of all our governments, including those with narrow majorities. But I admit that the rift in the Likud and within its two components does hinder the government's orderly operation."

He thinks the package deal was a good start in tackling the economic crisis, "provided it is accompanied by a drastic cut in government spending."

Admittedly, the government has not done enough. "When I saw the latest figures about the amount of money that is being printed, I became anxious about the future of the package deal."

As for extricating the IDF from the Lebanon morass, the Shinui minister is certain that this is not on the cards. "At least in the sense that we will have to have a unilateral withdrawal from the Shi'ite areas. I can only say sadly that we should have done it two years ago, when we could have extricated ourselves on better terms."

He did not agree that the Lebanon could be called Israel's Vietnam. "It isn't comparable. That was far away from America, while we have real security problems along our northern frontiers," he declared heatedly.

LABOUR PARTY Secretary-General Uzi Baram this week aired his concern that this was a government of political immobility. Did the minister concur?

"Essentially that's true," he said reflectively, explaining that "a government in which the Likud partakes must by definition mean limited political initiatives by Israel. This is the price we have to pay for the national draw in the elections."

"But I must emphasize that we have not had any indication of a true change of heart on the Arab or Palestinian side. Some people keep saying: What happens if King Hussein should offer to meet Israel and discuss peace terms? If he did that, then there would be a cabinet crisis and the government would most probably fall. However, so far he has not done it. So I see no point in bringing down the government over a hypothetical supposition."

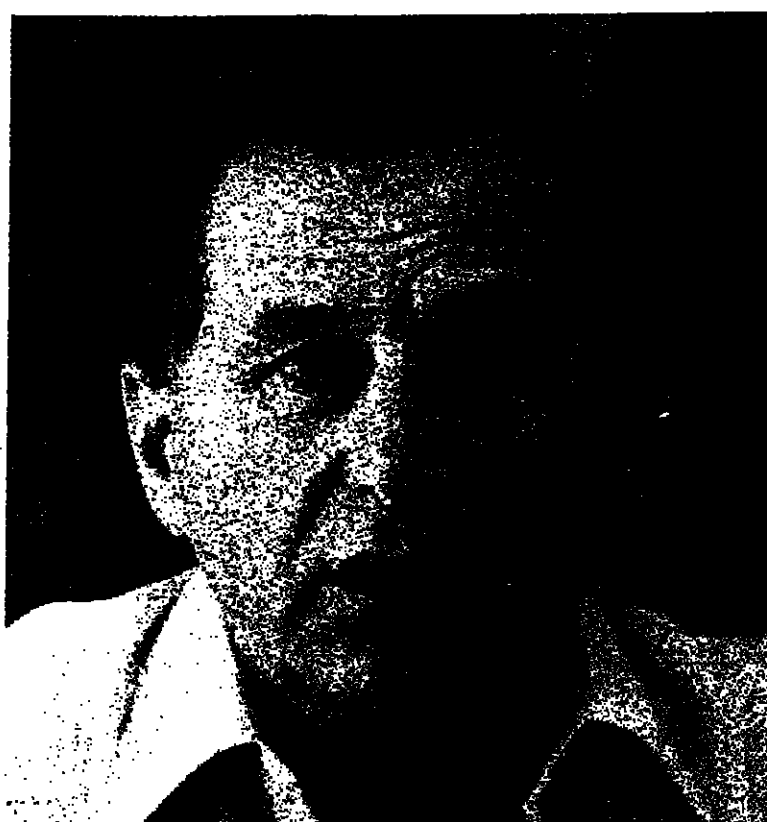
"Nevertheless, I do think the government might have been more forthcoming in responding to any Arab declaration which envisages peace with Israel. I have already explained publicly why I welcomed Hussein's speech at the Palestine National Council meeting. Not because I agree with his proposals — on the contrary, I reject them — but because in Amman he spoke of living in peace with Israel."

But he described as "absolutely objectionable" the Jordanian king's contribution to the campaign of Israel hatred: blaming Israel for world tension in his recent speech in London while the Iran-Iraq war was going on was "completely ridiculous."

Here the minister added: "Not everything that goes on behind the scenes becomes instant public knowledge. If King Hussein wishes to start negotiations, he certainly knows how to do it without making everything public."

Exceptional minister

By MARK SEGAL / Post Political Correspondent



Amnon Rubinstein...unprecedented work load.

(Israel Sun)

Speaking of this week's hotting events at Tehran airport, Rubinstein declared: "We have witnessed how Arab terrorism has become even more savage and barbaric, constituting a danger to the entire world. We have seen how the United Nations and the world community did absolutely nothing, and how the U.S. did nothing in the face of such treatment of its nationals. The lesson for us is that we've got no one to lean on in our battle against Arab terror."

THE COMMUNICATIONS minister was the first member of the cabinet to raise the ramifications of the prolonged absence of Ariel Sharon from his post at the Ministry of Industry and Trade in order to take part in the trial of his libel suit against Time magazine. He had demanded that Sharon either request leave of absence from the cabinet or hand in his resignation.

"It's absolutely unpardonable at a time like this when the head of the ministry which is so central to our economic rescue efforts, to implementing the price freeze, to succouring Ata, to helping out the development towns — to mention only the cardinal issues — should be out of the country for such a long time on what was defined by the previous Likud government as private litigation," he declared.

The former dean of the Tel Aviv University Law School said he had refused to appear at the trial on behalf of Time because "I don't think ministers should be involved in such a trial. It would be ludicrous for two Israeli ministers to appear on opposite sides in an American court of law."

He also felt it "rather reprehensible that while any Israeli travelling abroad is only allowed \$1,000, taxpayers should have to underwrite the Sharon family's personal expenses."

How was this conceivable at a time when the Treasury was talking of cutting old-age pensions?

"I've said time and time again I'd vote against that if the government should ask. But it's the decision of the prime minister..."

As to the educational example set by the case, Rubinstein replied reflectively: "Unfortunately, in Israel neither politicians nor the public seem to consider it to be a matter of importance."

WHEN WE MET in his office above the main post office in downtown Jerusalem, Rubinstein confessed the becoming a cabinet minister had changed his way of life.

First of all he had to spend much more time in Jerusalem, and regrettably his new duties prevented him from pursuing and writing books. (His latest, *The Zionist Dream Revisited*, was published recently by Schocken in New York.) He had always worked hard, but he now found himself obliged to carry an unprecedented work load, which included membership in 10 cabinet committees.

One that he regarded as of great importance was the one devoted to electoral reform, chaired by Labour's Gadya'acobi. He held out little prospect of any real change in the system because of the strong opposition of Likud to its reform. The only change that might be expected was the raising of the threshold of votes needed for a list to enter the Knesset.

I had been warned by the communications minister's secretary that it was useless to try to get him to answer any questions about a second television channel. All he was willing to say about his ministry was to praise his staff, and especially his new director-general, Yoram Alster.

A clash of cultures

By JUDY MONTAGU / Jerusalem Post Reporter

"WE DRIVE to synagogue, but we keep *kashrut*," says Adena Potok, a cheerful, grey-haired woman who has been married to writer Chaim Potok for 26 years and who was in Jerusalem with her husband last week to visit their son, Akiva, currently attending a six-month study programme here.

One night last week Potok took a break from his paternal duties to hold court amid chocolate cream cake and white wine at the Cinematheque library after a showing of the film version of his book *The Chosen*.

"It was on our programme anyway," says Cinematheque archivist Deborah Siegel, "so when we heard that Chaim was staying at Mishkenot Sha'ananim, we invited him to introduce the film and answer questions from the audience afterwards."

At close to 10 p.m., three hours after the start of the evening, Potok was showing signs of flagging, but he was clearly determined to outstay the most resolute of the reporters who crowded round him. Perched on a table and fixing his interlocutor with a penetrating eye, he expounded his credo to the group of admiring guests, many of whom clearly knew him well.

"TWO HUNDRED years ago," Potok told them earlier, "people lived and died within the same 25-mile radius. Apart from the wandering beggar or thief, no one ever heard a new idea."

In contrast, *The Chosen* is about the clash of ideas — those that lie at the heart of one civilization with those that are at the heart of another. "I call this a core-to-core cultural confrontation."

Let this prove daunting to members of the audience who had, after all, come to be entertained, Potok assured them that he would limit his preface to three features that he had insisted be part of the film (which featured Rod Steiger and Maximilian Schell and with which Potok himself was closely involved): no compromise whatsoever with regard to the intensity of the hassidic world portrayed; an utter avoidance of kitsch; and "a very low-key manner of dealing with a potentially explosive story."

That the potential was at least partially realized was evidenced by the shiny faces and subdued shifting that accompanied the return of the house lights after 108 minutes of living and suffering with Reuven Malter and his friend Danny Saunders.

After the screening, Potok invited questions, and he may well have had cause to regret this generous gesture. An elderly man, who

introduced himself as "someone who lived through the Holocaust," assailed the author repeatedly with the same accusation that no one in the film had cared about the Holocaust. The character Danny shouldn't have gone to Columbia University at the end of the story; he should have come to Israel.

Thinking quickly, the author retorted that "perhaps Danny went to Israel after Columbia." Then, more seriously: "If you thought that Reuven's father was unaffected by the Holocaust, then you didn't see the same film I did." And for good measure, he noted that the protagonist in *The Book of Lights* does, in fact, come to Israel.

HOW IS IT that over 60 per cent of

Potok's readers are non-Jews? "Like a good Jew," answered the author, who himself comes from a hassidic background, "I'll answer your question with a question: How is it that while I was at yeshiva I was reading James Joyce?"

Does the "silence" that is so central to *The Chosen* come from the real or an imaginary world? Potok was reluctant to expand on this, but he did hint that "the concept of silence might be a metaphor for the silence of God in this century."

The one thing a novelist seeks, he added, "is for you to believe with your whole being that the world he creates is so real it might be autobiographical."

A YOUNG MAN wearing a *kippa* got up to say that the film tended to be far more polarized than the book. There was, for example, much less religious difference in the book between the two fathers. David Malter always kept his head covered, whereas in the film, he showed far fewer signs of observance. Potok agreed.

"The director wanted someone he could identify with, and in the book everyone was too religious," Reuven's circle "had to be people that wide audiences would relate to." The problem, he said, was how

to change from novel to film without damaging the integrity and how to maintain the ambiguity of the value system.

Potok emphasized that *The Chosen* has no "heavies" as such. There are fanatics on both sides and a fundamental cultural dilemma, as well as "plenty of cultural ironies for those who look for them."

POTOK'S NEXT book, *Dan's Hap*, will be published in the spring. "It's about a girl and her mother. The family starts as Marxist and ends up Orthodox." Perhaps it will be a response to those who claim that Potok has difficulty in portraying women. The novel after that, he said, "will be set in Jerusalem."

Also in the library after the show was Akiva Potok, 16, who remained out of the limelight, away from the adoring circle that surrounded his father.

He is not shy, and responded with an engaging frankness. Are any of the Potok children budding authors? Not really, he said, although one sister "writes very fine poetry." He himself is interested in the theatre and in drumming. And, yes, he will "definitely be coming back to Israel."

Has he read all his father's books? No, only *The Chosen* and *The Promise*. "I prefer science fiction."



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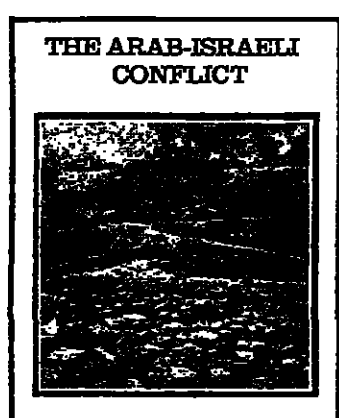
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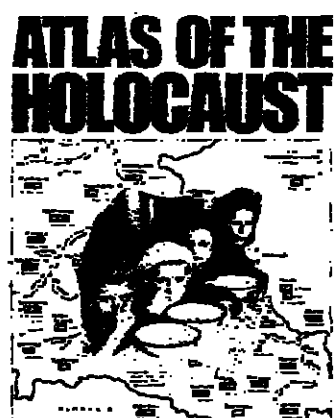
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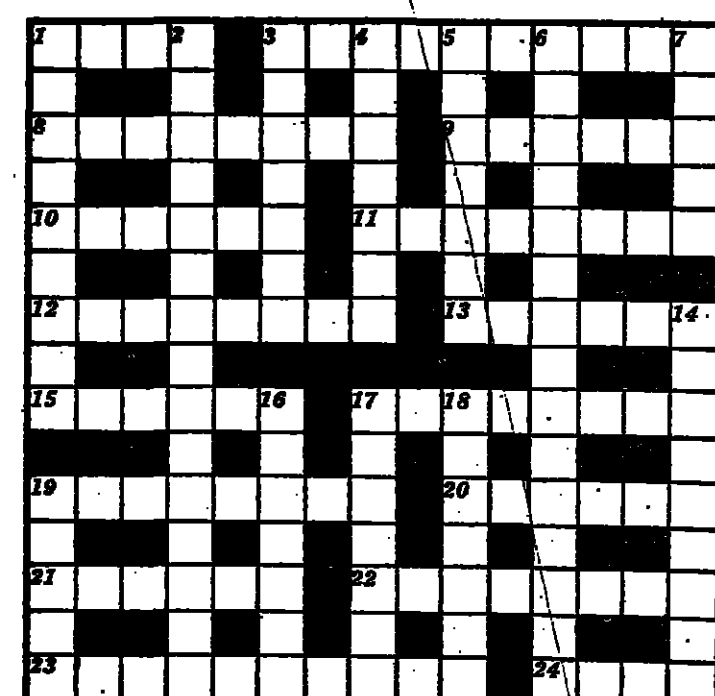
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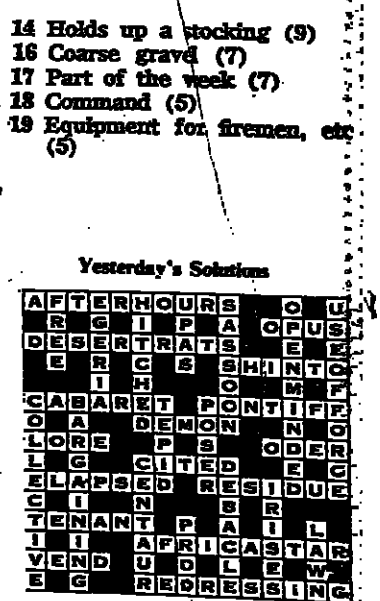
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اسماء الجمل

THE BIG PROBLEM about the package deal is how will it end. Prices are frozen for three months, but what happens then? If they shoot up as they did last October (by more than a quarter), we are in a pickle.

The purpose of the package deal was to provide the authorities with a breathing-space. If they can manage during that period to eliminate the causes of inflation, then the artificial price stability will be succeeded by a natural price stability prevailing of its own accord — and Israel's economic crisis will be over.

It is already plain this won't happen. Anti-inflationary measures have been taken, but not as a crash programme of instant remedies. Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i is forced by Israel's cumbersome democratic processes to opt for the long haul.

Every change has to be talked about, bargained over and negotiated. Progress is slow. Each time a proposal is jettisoned (because of this minister's resistance, or the intransigence of that trade union) a substitute measure has to be thought up and negotiated all over again.

By the end of the three months the process will be only half completed — if that. The package deal itself creates new problems. Moda'i wanted a freeze on subsidies, which meant allowing the price of subsidized foodstuffs to rise. Histadrut chief Yisrael Kessar wouldn't hear of it.

Result: The Treasury is having to spend \$50m. a month more on subsidies than was budgeted — when the object of policy is to cut budgetary outlays.

There is talk of a second package deal. Its purpose, if all parties agree (which is not a foregone conclusion), will be to let prices go up gradually and in a controlled manner. The longer the freeze or semi-freeze lasts, the more time there is for the budget economy measures to bite.

Life after the freeze

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE AIM is to reduce the 1985-86 budget from (the shekel equivalent of) \$24.750m. this year to \$23.250m. — a cut of \$1.5 billion. The necessary measures have been taken, all but for a still outstanding \$150m. (This is on the assumption that the extra outlay on subsidies caused by the package deal is cancelled when the three months are up.)

The first cut came to \$950m. The second was supposed to be \$550m., but only \$375m. of that was approved at the recent cabinet meeting, plus another \$20m. (\$9m. from education, \$11m. from housing) to be finalized with the respective ministers. The special economic committee of four senior ministers is charged to reduce expenditure by the remaining \$155m.

It is intended to do more than bridge the budget deficit, the government services — administrative, military and social — are to be made smaller. A structural change is required in the economy, with less manpower in the services and more in production.

On August 3, the cabinet clamped a freeze on the recruitment of civil servants, all unfilled vacancies were declared abolished. That measure eliminated 2,100 posts in the administration, 2,600 teacher positions, and 1,000 jobs in the local authorities.

Not all the functions so abruptly terminated are superfluous. To allow correction, appeals are authorized. But not more than one-third of the jobs can be restored, and the body judging the appeals is a four-man committee, three of whom are Treasury officials (the Civil Service Commissioner, the head of the Budget Division and the Accountant-General), and only the fourth is an outsider — the director-general of the affected ministry. A handful of appeals have been submitted to date. Treasury sources say.

Under discussion is the truncation of a further 3,000 government posts, which is proving very difficult as this time the economy-mongers are "biting into the flesh" (to quote angry trade unionists). Yet the job must be done, otherwise the \$1.5b. expenditure slash ordered by the Cabinet will remain a paper decision.

Yehuda Levanon, spokesman of the Civil Service Commission, says: "If the planned manpower shrinkage is not agreed upon with the various ministries by April 1, it will happen anyway because there's no money in the till."

Israel's school population swells by 30,000 annually, necessitating 2,000 more teachers. There is no finance for the increment in the coming year, the administration is trying to make do with the existing

staffs. At the instigation of the Etzioni committee, two hours of teacher time were added each week, for contact with pupils and parents. (Salaries went up in consequence by 10 per cent.) The government now suggests that the teachers devote one hour of that to classroom work — to avoid loading the payroll with a new batch of pedagogues.

WILL THEY AGREE? Will the civil servants agree to their redundancies? If not, the Treasury must fall back on other economies. It has plans in its folder to increase revenue, as a poor second to cutting expenditure. The education tax paid to the National Insurance Institute may be augmented from 1.4 to 1.6 per cent. Child allowances may be taxed. Higher dues may be charged to university students.

A \$3 fee may be levied on visits by members of Kupat Holim and other sick funds to the doctor. Omitted from this impost would be children, old people and the chronically ill. An income test may be introduced, so that rich families stop receiving national insurance benefits. Army and police personnel may lose the rebates they enjoy on their municipal rates.

Reservists get their pay from the National Insurance Institute, an oddball arrangement which gives no incentive for the army to economize. It is proposed that the institute should go on collecting the funds in question from the public, but that it transfer them after collection to the army. Once the money is part of the defence budget for all purposes, the military may decide to call up fewer reservists and use the cash for other more economic activities.

Promised bounties will not be forthcoming, for example, free schooling for three- and four-year-olds; free secondary education for

demobilized soldiers needing it. Departments providing services of a commercial nature will be trimmed: for example, the Mekorot water company, the Public Works Division, the Government Printer and Israel Railways. Consular and other representative offices abroad will be reduced in number.

The government will probably manage to curtail its overspending by the stipulated \$1.5b. What causes concern is not that, but the timing. How soon will the economies be made? The restraints imposed by the package deal are already wearing thin.

Continued devaluations put a strain on the price freeze. The government faces a widening gap between the ascending cost in shekels of its fuel and grain imports, and the static prices it charges on their sale. Officials are beginning to wonder whether the lid can be kept on the boiling pot until the end of February as scheduled.

There is talk of winding up the package deal in January — not because prices will have been stabilized, but because they cannot be stabilized, so the price freeze will have to be discarded early.

Can the second package deal be negotiated? The terms offered the workers could be easier the second time round. In exchange for their consent to a controlled increase in prices they could be given back the normal cost-of-living allowance as it prevailed before (which is itself partial, compensating for only 85 per cent of the index-rise).

The deflation now widely existent would help ensure that wage rates themselves do not go up. The government could have a second shot at the economy drive that it failed to achieve in full during the first package deal. It is worth trying.

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The politics of pettiness

By DAVID RICHARDSON

MK ABDEL Wahab Darousha is in the news again. Ten days after his abortive attempt to attend the Palestine National Congress session in Amman, his name again made the front pages because of an invitation to attend what is, by all accounts, an innocuous seminar in West Germany next week.

Darousha has now been persuaded not to attend the seminar, called "In Quest of Alternatives in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." The story behind this decision to turn down the invitation reveals a strange and pitiful coalition between groups who consistently lament the absence of dialogue with the other side.

The "persuasion" came from at least two sources — Darousha's ultra-sensitive colleagues in the Labour party and from pro-PLO Ramallah journalist Raymond Tawil.

Many, but not all, of the Labour Party were acutely embarrassed by Darousha's attempt to fly to Jordan via Nicosia. They feared a repeat and, without bothering to check, found it expedient to leak a story that the troublesome MK from Iksel was about to fly off on another junket to meet representatives of the PLO.

Darousha explained his decision to turn down the invitation from the sponsors of the seminar, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, by citing the fact that they had invited a West Bank engineer associated with the village leagues. It was clearly not expedient for the new MK, who has suddenly "discovered" the plight of his Palestinian brethren on the West Bank, to talk to the Hebron engineer, Mohammed Nasser, who is one of the leaders of the "ultra-moderate" (in local context) Paths to Peace Movement.

GENERALLY, comments published since his return from Nicosia lauded Darousha for his pluck and initiative in trying to attend the PNC meeting in Amman; in fact he was given a hero's welcome on his return. But his decision to boycott the seminar in Germany is petty.

The director of the Naumann Foundation's office in Israel, Peter Finkelgruen, describes the aim of the seminar as an attempt "to get off the beaten track" in discussing the Middle East conflict. "The positions of the PLO, the Likud and Labour are so well known and so far apart that it has become fruitless to discuss them. But there are, nonetheless, other opinions which German and European politicians should also hear about."

Apart from Nasser and Darousha, the foundation has invited Willy

Gafny of the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East, Gaza businessman Ziad Shawwa, East Jerusalem intellectual Anton Shammas, the Arabic poetess Shelli el-Khayam and four journalists — this writer among them.

The Naumann Foundation was established in 1958 to serve the small and sadly shrinking German Liberal Party, the FDP. Among its aims are programmes to promote political and civic education along liberal lines in Germany and Europe and it has also initiated several projects outside Europe, among them a programme to train journalists in Africa.

FINKELGRUEN, who opened the office in Israel less than a year ago, says that Liberalism requires a certain faith in naïveté: 50 years since the demise of the hegemony of official Liberal politics in the capitals of Europe and in America, there are still many who believe that there is room for something else between rich radicalism and socialism, between Tory and Labour.

"It may appear and perhaps even be elitist, but in modern industrialized societies there is room for Liberalism to act as a watchdog, especially since the Social Democrats have become, to a large extent, a big block of conservatives," says Dr. Peter Melnick of the foundation's Foreign Relations Department.

In Israel, inevitably, things are more complex. During a recent visit to Germany of Israeli Liberal politicians, the foundation found it had little choice but to invite a range of MKs from Sara Doron (Likud-Liberals) to Mordechai Bar-On (Citizens Rights Movement). Both are pleasant, intelligent people, but politically, outside their basic Zionism, they have little in common.

MK MORDECHAI VIRSHUBSKI last week presented his Shinui party's application for membership of the Liberal International during a meeting in Holland. He found himself opposed by Yitzhak Nenner of the Likud-Liberals. But Nenner voted in favour of a second Spanish Liberal party joining the same International.

It is the incessant pettiness of politicians, such as that behind the latest Darousha affair, that alienates and irritates people of sense and can only amuse the cynic.

Perhaps the efforts of the Naumann Foundation and other institutions like it would best be devoted to schemes like its prize project to date — the joint Arabic-Hebrew presentations evolving at the Haifa Theatre.

AT THE recent ceremony at Sede Boker marking the 11th anniversary of the death of David Ben-Gurion, I recalled my first meeting with him, in 1941 at Cambridge.

Chaim Herzog and I were then undergraduates, and B-G came up one day for some book buying. We shepherd him around, and that evening he addressed a small meeting in my rooms. I see that sturdy figure warming up to his theme: after the war, a Jewish state would be established in Palestine, and it would only come as a result of a fight — not against the Arabs, but the British.

Maybe what he wanted to achieve was not attainable by peaceful means. Other movements for national regeneration have taken the same view. But certainly later in life he yearned for peace, and when I last met him, not long before his demise, he told me of his readiness to give up every dunam of the territory that had been won in the Six Day War in exchange for a real peace.

Peace, motherhood — and the Americans would add apple pie — these are things which all good men are said to desire. Since there is no peace in the Middle East, must we

A positive pursuit

By WILLIAM FRANKEL



then conclude that its leaders are evil men who seek war? I do not believe that to be the case, although there is no dearth of evidence, both in deed and rhetoric, of deep and apparently irreconcilable hatred of Israel, as

there is of similarly bitter attitudes within Israel also.

But the basis for these manifestations lies less in hatred than in fear. And each side draws on history and its own interpretation of current

events to support those fears. For its part, Israel can fairly object to the description "the Arab-Israeli conflict," which implies that each side bears an equal share of responsibility for the grim present. Israel has not declared war on its neighbours, but is the unhappy victim of their hostility. But at the same time, for those who are looking for it, corroboration can be found to support Arab fears of Israeli aggressiveness and expansionism.

THESE MUTUAL suspicions and fears cannot be wiped away at a stroke — not even by a peace treaty — but call for unremitting efforts towards understanding. Such a positive pursuit must involve the reconsideration of old dogmas. Understanding comes through discussion, and that is even more necessary between enemies than friends. In Israel it is almost treasonable to suggest talking to the Palestine Liberation Organization. I appreciate the reasons but the PLO is patently no longer the danger it could once be said to be; even though its appalling charter remains unchanged.

Why the fuss about the newly

famous MK Abdel Wahab Darousha? What convincing reasons can be adduced now against talking to the only acknowledged Palestinian leadership, however abhorrent some of its actions. And the maneuvering for advantage by the imposition of pre-conditions for talking is a vestigial survival for the arid debates of the past, which can only perpetuate division rather than inaugurate reconciliation.

If anything, the Arab resistance to fresh thinking is even more stubborn. I shall only comment on that by a parable I heard (in a different context) from that master of the Jewish anecdote, the late Dr. Nahum Goldmann. He told the story of the Jew on a train in Eastern Europe who leaned out of the window when it stopped and uttered a doleful "Oy veh." This was repeated at each station with an increase of decibels. Eventually, one of the other passengers asked for an explanation of this conduct. "Every time we stop," said the Jew, "I realize that I have gone farther in the wrong direction."

(The writer is a former editor of the London Jewish Chronicle).

Realists and radicals

TORA TODAY/Pinchas H. Peli

pious? What right do they have to enjoy this world too? The trouble which comes upon Jacob at this time does not come from outside: it is not Laban who is mistreating him or the people of Shechem who are fighting him.

It is within his own house that disaster lurks. It is his own dearly beloved son, the handsome, sensitive and precocious Joseph who is

going to be the cause of strife and conflict and cause years of misery and pain to the aging father.

LATER JACOB may query: "Where did I fail in the upbringing of Joseph or his brethren?" The Torah however, discloses at the beginning of the tale Jacob's shortcomings in the psychology of raising children: "Now Israel loved Joseph more than

all his children, because he was the son of his old age and he made him a coat of many colours" (Gen. 37:3).

How much was this "coat of many colours" worth? In Bible translations other than those based on the King James' (which derived from the Septuagint), the original Hebrew "ketonech passim" becomes "a tunic with long sleeves."

The Talmud understands it to mean a "silk shirt" and evaluates its cost at four shekels. Such a trifle token of discrimination and yet what trouble it caused. "And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him and could not speak peaceably unto him."

This four-shekel's worth of silk shirt was the initial cause of the exile of the children of Israel into Egypt. It became, as the talmudic sages emphasize, a turning point in the history of Israel.

IT IS TRULY not the amount of money involved in the wrong or right dealings with our children that counts as a major factor in shaping their future, but rather the motivation that goes with the money.

In order to introduce the elements of discrimination and jealousy among his children Jacob did not have to spend money on an expensive mink coat or a latest model racing car.

A silk shirt worth hardly four shekels was sufficient for that. Had Jacob only thought of the psychological implication of his little gift, the course of events may have turned out completely different.

That the idea suggested here is not merely a homiletic hypothesis, is proven clearly from the continuation of the story. The first thing Joseph's brothers do to give vent to their pent-up animosity towards Joseph, as he meets them in the field, is to strip the silken shirt off him (37:23).

Rabbi Joseph Hertz in his commentary on the Pentateuch points out that the verb used here signifies "to bear off with violence."

Furthermore, they do not try to hide the violent feelings aroused within them on seeing Joseph wearing his silk shirt. When they communicate to Jacob the news of Joseph's disappearance (37:31-33), they dip the shirt in the blood of a goat which they had just killed.

Then they slash the shirt with a sword (I suggest this novel translation of "va-ye-shalchu" against the accepted "they sent," which causes problems in the syntax of the verse). When they bring the blood-soaked shirt to Jacob they say bluntly:

"This have we found. Is this your son's shirt?" It is hard to assume, that Jacob remained oblivious to their insinuations.

At this moment he indeed recognizes the shirt and what it brought on Joseph. "Yes, this is my son's shirt," he admits ruefully and fights back: "Wild beasts have devoured Joseph." As if he were saying, I may understand the anger caused by the silk shirt, but stripping Joseph even of his name and throwing "your son" in my face, is inhumanly cruel.

JOSEPH WAS HATED by his brothers not only as a result of his father's extra love for him, but also on account of his dreams. "And Joseph dreamed a dream and he told it to his brethren and they hated him yet the more" (ibid., verse 5).

We may not be wrong in assuming that the very cause of the hatred of his brothers was the cause of Jacob's love. In Joseph, the dreamer Jacob has found a true heir and follower. He too, as we recall, was a dreamer in his youth. Every generation has its dreamers. The dreams of Jacob were very different than those of Joseph, yet they had something in common.

There is a direct continuation between the dreams of the father and the dream of the son. Jacob dreams about a ladder standing on earth and its peak reaching into heaven. Joseph supplements it with a dream of the firm earth on which this ladder is to stand.

If Jacob's ladder is to reach heaven it must be founded on firm earth, with crop-filled fields. No ladder to heaven, says Joseph's dreams, could be erected on the floating ground of wandering herdsmen.

As Menachem Ussishkin, the famous Zionist leader of the past generation said: "A people has only as much heaven over its head, as it has land under its feet."

Joseph's brothers, "moral," healthy, courageous and practical shepherds were fearful of any change in their pattern of living. They could not stand therefore the dream and its dreamer.

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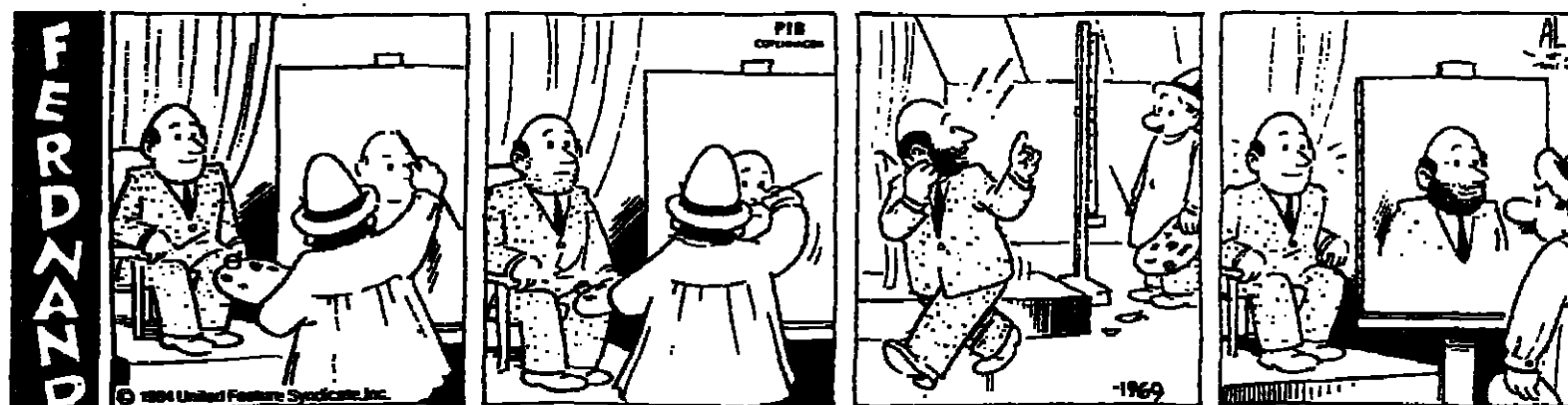
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Ford Cargo, 1311, 1984 + ladders. 15,000, 052-55947.

Mercedes-Benz

Mercedes-Benz, 1972, double cabin, closed box, excellent, immediate. 05-771251.

Dodge

Dodge van for sale, 2000, good condition. 05-41390.

Peugeot

Peugeot van, 1975, renovated + box. 051-22294.

Van

Van 404, 1977, excellent + year's test. 05-80992, from Sunday.

DELTA

Delta, 79, one owner, 43,000, excellent. 05-76076.

FIAT

127, 1980, 58,000, year's test, one owner. 05-32546.

131

131, 1979, Super Mirafiori, 1600, automatic, 70,000, 05-41725.

Ritmo

Ritmo 60, 1979, one owner, 80,000km. 05-47323.

Ritmo

Ritmo, 1983, 1300, grey-metallic, 19,000km. 05-741947.

127

127, black sport, 1981, one owner, bargain. 05-39942.

131

131 1600, Super Mirafiori, 1979, metallic spray, airconditioned, 115,000km., excellent condition, list price. 03-41317.

131

131, 1983, 1300, one owner, 25,000, year's test. 05-922375.

131

131, automatic, 1300, 1980, 30,000km., one owner. 05-20826.

131

131 1980, 1300, one owner, 42,000km. 05-78668, 220139.

Fiat 131

Fiat 131 1600, automatic, 1982, one owner, 20,000km. 233453, 822524.

Fiat 132

Fiat 132, 1979, automatic, airconditioned, excellent condition. 72822, work.

Fiat 127

Fiat 127, 1978, 67,000km., good condition. 03-741075.

Ford Fairmont

Ford Fairmont, 1979, one owner, from Poland company. 03-73275, from Friday. 15,000.

Shamir Insurance Company Ltd.

For sale of Fiat 131, automatic, 79, license 525-269 + radio, airconditioner. 261114, from 16-19.12.84.

FORD

Escort 1100, 1977, 29441, not Shabbat. 742544, 354469.

LORRIES

Leyland, wide-view window, 9070, good condition, 1,300,000. 05-90169, immediate. 05-22325; 05-34085, evenings.

Renault

Renault 231, 16-ton AP crane, 1983, 05-22011.

MERCEDES

230 TT, station, 1983, excellent condition, 14,000km. + extras; passport to passport. 03-243421.

Imported: petrol engines for Mercedes and Golf, all types. Muskat Spare Parts, 05-80662, 51 Hamelecha, Holon industrial zone.

200

200, like new, 1982, airconditioned, automatic. 530,000, diplomat. Tel. 03-461717.

280E

280E 1977 automatic, airconditioner, sun roof. 053-44053.

N.S.U.

Prinor, 1968, beautiful, excellent condition. 400,000. 03-797218, 03-72836.

OPEL

Ascona, 1981, 1600, automatic, exchange for 1300 possible. 053-31721.

Ascona

Ascona, 1983, automatic + extras, special. 053-52627, work. 053-52461.

Ascona

Ascona, 1980, 1983, one owner, 26,000km., excellent. 05-22652.

Ascona

Ascona, 82, 1300S, automatic, Luxe, 28,000, 220488, not Shabbat.

Ascona

Ascona, automatic, 1300, 23,000km., one owner + radio. 053-23679.

Opel Ascona

Opel Ascona, 1980, 1982, private, excellent condition. 03-425611.

Ascona

Ascona, 1980, 1982, automatic, from disabled, one owner, list price. 95602.

Ascona

Ascona 1600, 1981, excellent condition, 2nd owner. 05-83977.

Kadett

Kadett 83, metallic, extra, 17,000, one owner, excellent. 057-51297.

Kadett

Kadett, automatic, station, 1982, one owner, excellent + radio. 04-989176.

Station

Station, 1982, one owner, year's test. 80,000km., 15,420,000. 753817.

PEUGEOT

Peugeot 604, 78, one owner, Holon, 1972 Kiyat Shomra, 809814.

104

104, 1982, Tel. 294441, not Shabbat. 404 van, 1984, new, Tel. work. 053-24073; 053-22963.

404

404, automatic, 22,000, like new. 05-77490, work. 05-62283.

504

504, automatic, 1982, from disabled, 33,000km., excellent. 05-82058.

504

504, van, 1983, one owner, 30,000, excellent, extras. 053-25252.

505

505 SR, 1980, test, second owner, 30,000, 05-93666.

504

504 Peugeot, 1982, automatic, from disabled, 30,000km. 05-86089.

Peugeot 604

Peugeot 604, 78, one owner, Holon, 1972 Kiyat Shomra, 809814.

RENAULT

Renault 9 TC, 1982, one owner, 05-83079, afterwards.

4 dual

4 dual purpose, 1976, ext. 052-61752. 20Seeking to buy 304, 1978-9 from personal import. 053-62966.

1982

1982, automatic, power steering, Friday-Saturday, 052-74621; 051-32947, weekdays.

5 Sport

5 Sport, red, 73, second owner, year's test. 80187.

Renault 4

Renault 4, 1981, 65,000km., excellent. 052-46262, 057-95753.

Renault 9

Renault 9, TC 1983, 27,000km. 05-28459, 05-44630.

SIMCA / CHRYSLER

Solara SX, 1981, 85,000km. Tel. 03-23863, 05-85940.

Solara

Solara 1981, 1300, one owner, 30,000, like new. 05-24201, 05-62766.

Dodge van

Dodge van for sale, 2000, good condition. 05-41390.

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SUSSITA

Carmel, 1977, Ford, general overhaul, receipts. 03-381511, work.

U.S. CARS

Fairmont, end of 1979, improved, wonderful, high price. 03-412536.

Bargain!

Bargain! Plymouth Volara (Valiant), 1978, luxurious, fully automatic, electric, airconditioner, stereo, second owner. 03-86098, 05-885313.

Chevrolet Malibu

Chevrolet Malibu, 1981, 55,000km., from general manager, 13,000,000. 03-210474, 03-219438.

Chevrolet van

Chevrolet van, 1981, 067-44539, Uzi, Misgav Am.

Oldsmobile Omega

Oldsmobile Omega, 1977, second owner, 3-door, excellent condition. 03-99224; Saturday. 03-728681.

Oldsmobile Omega

Oldsmobile Omega, 1980, automatic, like new. 03-922303, 063-90592.

Oldsmobile Omega

Oldsmobile Omega, 1980, excellent condition. 157,100,000. Work: 03-34654, 05-336592, 03-416352.

Intermesh

Intermesh 1979, 100,000km., 4 gears, 4 cylinders, winch. 052-441596.

VOLKSWAGEN

Beetle, 1970, excellent condition. 03-256371.

Golf

Golf 76, 1600S, well kept, 130,000 + radio-tape. 2,100,000. 05-443484.

Beetle

Beetle 1300, 70, third owner, rare condition. 05-90857.

Double cabin

Double cabin, 31.6, 1983, one owner, year's test, 19,000km. 03-922810.

Volkswagen, double cabin

Volkswagen, double cabin, 31.6, 1983, one owner, year's test, 19,000km. 03-922810.

Beetle

Beetle 1300, 1986, one owner, 80 engine. 052-43854.

Beetle

Beetle, 1964, good condition, bargain. 06825; 43615, work.

Caraville

Caraville, original airconditioning, Fiat-like, 1980, 1982, mod. 053-52803, home; 229278, 05-243077, office.

For sale, by tender

For sale, by tender, Passat 1600, automatic, 1977, Registration No. 173993, 160,000km. Can be seen and offers accepted Sunday-Tuesday, 16-18/12/84, 10.00-12.00. Apply to Open University, 16 Klammer, Ramat Aviv, Mr. Gedalia Balkish.

Passat 1300

Passat 1300, 1975, year's test, 72062.

Transporter

Transporter, 1982, original window, benches, one owner. 053-88264, evenings.

VOLVO

244 DL, 1982, automatic, power steering, from disabled. 03-41628.

245

245, 1982 + airconditioner, power steering, radio, 45,000km., 052-54171, Alon; home. 052-541710.

343

343, 1977 + test, excellent. 05-90610, work; 051-1670, home.

Owner

Owner 245, 78, wishes exchange with 81-83, 04-88331.

Volvo 244 DL

Volvo 244 DL, 1981, power steering, airconditioned. 05-451593.

1982

1982, automatic, one owner, wonderful, airconditioner, radio-tape, 03-35603.

344 GL

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Relaxing, 4 1/2 luxurious and tastefully furnished. Avi Cohen, 228922, 23125, Malmud.

San Simon, 3 furnished, phone, heating, from January for year, 02-636116.

Shel information service for flats and rooms, 21 King George, the right place.

4 furnished, phone, solar boiler, Ramat Eshkol, 160,000, 02-538590, 02-814648.

Ramat, 2, phone, heating, for some months, 237397, 424402.

Urgent, New Ramat, 31/2, heating, solar boiler, phone, 053-93167.

Flats Wanted

For our clients, urgently: Framaplot in Ramat Build-Your-Own-Home. Gal-Hed, 02-227064, 02-225068.

French Hill-Ramat Eshkol, 3 room flat, low story, for immediate sale, Chen Realty 02-421781.

Foreign company requires flats for sale/rental for foreign clients. Exclusive, 02-232672.

Vacations

Ellat, for rent, 3, furnished, for holidays, vacation, 094-75913.

Contractors

From 600,000, Har Nof, 4 + storeroom, extras, Zimki, 02-221451-4.

Har Nof, at any stage, you can find the flat you've been looking for through us. This week's specials: 3 at \$59,000, 4 at \$65,000. Come to the real estate office that knows Har Nof, Michael Starr, 02-225226, 225017, 228993, Malmud.

Har Nof, available immediately: Meior Hayim, terraced; Bayit Vagan, 3, 79,000, Armon, 02-288331.

2 - 2 1/2 ROOMS

2 + hall, southern, 1st floor, Tcherichowsky, \$58,000, Gela Realty, 02-280173.

2 1/2, near Harav Kook Institute, diestie, fitted cupboards, heating, 3rd floor, Shabbat lift, 52,000, 02-520435, not Shabbat.

2, beautiful, bargain price, only 25,000, immediate, 223342.

3 - 3 1/2 ROOMS

Old Katamon, Lamed Heh, 3 rooms, 100sq.m., 2nd floor, southern and east balconies south and east, lift. Exclusive to Gal Hed, 225068, 227064, Malmud.

4 ROOMS & MORE

Bargain of the week: Kiryat Yovel, Hamaik, 4 + garden, cupboards, 42,000, Gal Hed, 02-227064, 02-225068.

Gilo, terraced, 4 + sun-room, enormous balcony, 138sq.m., 02-673847, 02-882717, work.

New Yacov, 4 + diestie, exposures, solar boiler, heating, 242388, 854479.

Ramat Sharet, 4, American kitchen, storeroom, well arranged, 226207, 419696.

Uziel, 5 + diestie, spacious balconies, solar boiler, 3rd floor, 02-424903.

Flats for Rent

Bargain, Rehavia, 2 + hall, balcony, 22,000, 532131-3815, Weinstein.

Bargains all over town can be found at Malmud, 221315-4.

Beit Hakerem, 4 + phone, lift, double balconies, 02-535353, weekdays.

Centre of Jerusalem, 1 room flat, monthly rental, for student/single, 02-231602.

Central Bayit Vagan, 2 + hall, balconies, vacant, 02-818825, 04-665541.

French Hill, 3, phone, lift, furnished, 02-810135, not Shabbat.

Ramat Ramat, 3 + phone, heating, immediate, 221384-5, 863527.

Furnished Flats

Abu Tiro, 1 room flat, furnished, heating, complete, 719751, weekdays.

Centre, Rehov Hahavazelet, 1 room flat, renovated, phone, 04-244573.

Talpiot, 3 rooms, 2nd floor, phone, heating, immediate, 02-712818.

Flats Wanted

We need urgent 2-3 room flats in same building, area of Rehavia; also 4 in Kiryat Shmuel, Michael Starr, 02-225226, 225017, 228993, Malmud.

Purchase Sale

Bank Tefahet offering used office furniture for sale, at bank's storeroom, Shaarei Zedek Medical Centre, parking level A, Monday - Tuesday, 17-18, 12-24, 11-30-13,00, cash payment.

For Sale

Bank Tefahet offering used office furniture for sale, at bank's storeroom, Shaarei Zedek Medical Centre, parking level A, Monday - Tuesday, 17-18, 12-24, 11-30-13,00, cash payment.

New white Sauter oven, in packing + guarantee, \$548,000, 02-527976, 02-631773.

Reading instrument for very short-sighted, very efficient, 423227, Leah.

Reconditioned kerotex heaters, Tel. 247817, 249698, not Shabbat.

Short text for cost, new, bargain, 02-285201, afternoons.

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Personnel

Situations Vacant

Beauty of a job for Missella Fennel, beauty consultants, 20+, 02-346148.

Biochemist/chemist for responsible scientific office work, full time, English essential, 02-528211.

Dental clinic requires assistant with diploma, experience, languages, 02-723144, mornings.

Experienced secretary required for marketing office, bookkeeping, computer experience, 719544.

Hebrew-English secretary, typing in both, full time, 528211.

Manpower requires electronics technician, experience in television repair, 02-523459.

Manpower requires machine technician/practical engineer, machine draughting know-how, 02-233436.

Manpower requires millers, minimum 2 years' experience, plant reading know-how, good terms, high pay for suitable, 02-233436.

Manpower requires word processor operators: Hebrew, English, Hebrew-English, 02-233436.

Manpower requires proven management ability - negotiations and technical background, references, 02-441233.

Required, manager for hotel for retrained, B.A. in Behavioural Sciences minimum, proven management ability - negotiations and technical background, references, 02-441233.

Sales coordinator required for organising sales staff, car owner, organizational and persuasive abilities, ability of expression, pay and/or commission, 719505.

Secretary/typist, lawyer's office, split hours, 663662, from 17.00.

Student, before-after army service, for cleaning, mornings and afternoons, 584618.

Students, high school students, 11th and 12th graders, after army, for sales and promotion work in teams, afternoons and evenings, 716105.

Segal's Jerusalem branch requires experienced grade 3 bookkeeper, full time, 714365, 15.00-18.00.

Trainee required for errands at lawyer's office, 228161, Mira.

Clerk, 07-30-17.00, \$150,000 net, wage, 412381.

Commercial company in Tel Aviv requires grade 3 work manager, 2 years' experience minimum + knowledge of English, full time, Sunday-Friday, 02-412381.

Daniel requires grade 2 bookkeeper with proven experience, 63 Yaffo, 227105.

Daniel requires machines engineer/technician, electronics background and experience in accessories, 63 Yaffo, 227105.

Daniel requires maintenance technician for large air conditioning systems, electronics qualification licence, 63 Yaffo, 227105.

Daniel requires mechanical assemblers, experienced only, 63 Yaffo, 227105.

Daniel requires printed circuit soldering/assemblers, experienced only, 63 Yaffo, 227105.

Daniel requires technical storeroom worker, knowledge and experience in managing electronic and mechanical components storeroom, 63 Yaffo, 227105.

Graphics division requires full time worker, experience necessary, 02-537905.

Metapole, warm-hearted and dedicated woman for care of baby, 07-48-14.00, 02-719083, afternoons.

Pharmaceutical factory requires, clerk-warehouse personnel, knowledge of English, POB 6511, Jerusalem.

Phasecom Israel requires, secretary, English mother tongue, with command of Hebrew, including assistance in technical writing, Hebrew-English typing, writing ability. Those with university education and writing experience preferred, 02-825555, from Sunday, for Alma.

Phasecom Israel requires, switchboard-operator with English knowledge, full time, 5 days a week, 02-825555, Alma, from Sunday.

Production manager for new dry-cleaning factory in Jerusalem, organizational and practical management ability - negotiations and technical background, references, 02-441233.

Required, Hebrew secretary/typist, with English, for public institution, 02-668412, 02-665901.

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Daniel requires: 1) experienced practical electronics engineer, products engineering and accessories; 2) practical engineer for stock documentation and organising electronics storeroom, 63 Yaffo, 227105.

Experienced women's seamstresses and pattern makers, full time, 238620.

Immediate! Mathematics and physics teachers-students to teach these subjects to elementary and high school students during Hanukkah, Friday-Saturday 02-415487, from Sunday, 16.00-19.00, 02-637905.

Manpower requires Hebrew/English secretary, typing experience, long term work, 235456.

O.R.S. requires, Hebrew-English secretary/typist, good conditions for suitable, Apply, 02-347417, 02-345561.

O.R.S. requires, instrumentation technicians, ex-airforce, experienced welders, high salary, meals + transportation, 02-247417.

O.R.S. requires, marketing personnel with experience in copper branch, 247417.

Rav Barak requires pleasant, dynamic sales barista, for prestige shop, 02-537261.

Research Institute requires: head secretary, proven experience, organising ability, English mother tongue, knowledge of Hebrew; secretary for part time, English mother tongue, knowledge of Hebrew, Tel. 630217, 639281.

Romema community centre, qualified kindergarten teacher and metapole for ages 2-4, 522290.

Sa'ar requires guards and security personnel, shift work, good terms, 72 Yaffo.

Secretary for full time, English mother tongue, spoken Hebrew, fluent English typing, office management experience, work occasionally involves unusual hours, 716756.

Senior secretary required for Biomedix, medical equipment factory, fluent English/Hebrew language and typing, bookkeeping background, 02-720885.

Talpiot, experienced domestic to keep house for widower, 717428, 234906.

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I'm 5 and live in Kiryat Yovel, seeking a metapole for the afternoons, student preferred, flexible hours and days, 02-51444.

Business

Available, operating pastry shop, sophisticated equipment, 02-537363, work, 02-542746.

For rent, 2 halls for industry, 112sq.m. + balcony, 23sq.m., electricity, Makor Baruch Industrial Zone, 02-627575, Kaplan or Bessat.

Company interested in expanding seeks investor or partner, minimum \$150,000, 02-342152, 02-343159, Philip.

Owner of industrial structure in Givat Shaul seeks offers, 02-539001, weekdays.

Ambsassador Hotel, Jerusalem, requires suppliers of custom-made furniture, 252515.

Monthly rental, Yimyskai, building 280-110, for any purpose, 02-639090, 247417.

Industrial Premises

For sale, Almat, 1200sq.m. + roof ready for construction, 300sq.m. open yard, storeroom, electricity, phone, 02-820537.

Rental, Mishor Adumim, 500-2000sq.m., at low price, long term, 02-810895, evenings.

Rental, 120sq.m. industrial structure in Talpiot, 713334, 620430.

To let, 200sq.m. hall, Meior Baruch, Tel. 633996.

Offices

Centre, monthly rental, 2 offices: 1 and 3 rooms, 224231, 633638.

City centre, facilities for two or more persons in pleasant modern office, telephone and other services, Anglo-Saxon, 02-221161, Malmud.

Right occasion, now forming medical groups and private clinics in plush luxurious offices in heart of city, every possible service is open, time sharing, partnerships, lab, dental etc., only 10 offices available, immediately, 02-245383-4, 02-233171, ext. 12.

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Nakoura deadlock deepens

BAD WEATHER was blamed for the cancellation of yesterday's scheduled meeting of Lebanese and Israeli military delegations at Nakoura, on the border between the two countries. What apparently happened was that, because of the bad weather, the Lebanese found it even more hazardous than usual to make their way by air from Beirut to Nakoura.

Had the Lebanese officers tried to go south by land, they would have been stopped dead in their tracks by the Druse militia which control the coastal road. The Druse will allow the army to take up positions in the south, but not to deploy along the road. The reason, they say, is that this would enable the army to besiege the Shouf.

Control of the road, however, is precisely what the Lebanese Army is after. It is held vital to buttress the army's claim that it is an effective military force and not, as the Israelis have been intimating at Nakoura, a hollow sham.

In fact the cession of the road by the Druse to the army would not, of itself, do anything to disprove the Israeli argument, even if it is secured by force of arms and not by Syrian President Hafez Assad pressuring his protégé, Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, to remove his men. But the Lebanese sensitivity on this point is understandable. For the difference of opinion about the Lebanese Army's military worth accounts in large measure for the wide gap between the Lebanese and Israeli conceptions of Unifil's role after the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

The Lebanese keep insisting that Unifil's presence should be limited to the region of the international border, leaving their own army to keep the peace elsewhere — although not to the extent of serving as Israel's policeman. An expansion of Unifil's territory, they claim, would not be compatible with their country's sovereign integrity.

The international force, they add, can only act as a buffer between states, not within a state.

This is an appealing theory, but it hardly applies in the case of a phantom state such as Lebanon, where the official army is merely one, and by no means the most powerful, of several military factions vying for a place under the sun. That is why the Israeli side has been calling at Nakoura for the deployment of Unifil throughout the area to be vacated by the IDF, but mainly between the Zaharani and the Awali rivers.

A combination of Unifil blocking large-scale terrorist infiltration in the north, and the South Lebanon Army mopping up individual infiltrators closer to the border, might provide the kind of security guarantee sought by Israel.

Failure to come to terms on this contentious issue has been the main reason for the continuing deadlock at Nakoura since the talks began five weeks ago. The prospects of any meeting of minds on Unifil before the discussions are suspended for a three-week Christmas recess are pretty slim, and Israel has already indicated that it will use the hiatus for a "reassessment" of its position.

This was no ultimatum, U.S. envoy Richard Murphy was assured this week. But it did suggest that, while Israel might still wish to exhaust the instruments of diplomacy before taking unilateral action, its patience with the Lebanese was wearing out.

Theoretically, this country could decide either to stay put at the present lines, or to stage a partial withdrawal, or to pull back all the way to the international border. But to stay put would mean to expose the troops to intensified attacks by the local, mainly Shia, population, and even raise for the first time the spectre of Shia terror against Galilee settlements. A partial withdrawal would do no more to protect the troops than did the evacuation of the Shouf.

This leaves the option of a complete pullback: not an ideal solution, by any means, without at least some tacit agreement with the Syrians that they will not step into the area vacated by Israel, and will prevent terrorist infiltration into it. But it would save lives, and money, and it would still allow the IDF to threaten punishment with its terrible swift sword for all those who might seek to disturb the peace of Galilee again.

With strings attached

By WOLF BLITZER

ISRAELI officials and American Jewish lobbyists agree that they face a formidable challenge next year merely convincing Congress to approve whatever economic and military aid levels are proposed for Israel by President Ronald Reagan. There will be unusually strong pressure to reduce the programme during the lengthy legislative review process. Increasing the aid levels — an almost automatic occurrence in years past — is going to be more difficult than ever given the mounting desire on Capitol Hill to cut the federal budget across the board, including in all sorts of significant social and defence programmes.

That's why the current high-level economic discussions between the Reagan Administration and the Israeli government are seen as so crucial. Israeli officials recognize that they no longer have the luxury of simply assuming that a friendly Congress is going to improve the Administration's package. Clearly, they want the Administration to come to Congress with as generous a recommendation as possible and then to fight hard to win its full acceptance.

Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz are waiting until virtually the last minute before deciding how much economic and military assistance to propose for Israel in the 1986 fiscal year budget. The Secretary, for example, made clear to visiting Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir during a meeting in New York on December 9 that the U.S. was still basically unimpressed by Israel's proposed "structural" changes in its economy. The Israeli government is moving too slowly and cautiously, according to U.S. governmental experts. The Americans, moreover, are waiting to see how much of the budget cuts announced in Jerusalem are actually implemented.

The scope of the record Israeli aid request has been widely publicized. Israel is seeking \$2.2 billion in military grants — as opposed to the \$1.4 billion level approved in the 1985 fiscal year appropriation. The Administration is expected to split the difference, probably accepting between \$1.8 billion to \$1.9 billion.

The Israeli economic request also represents a hefty increase — from the \$1.2 billion approved in the last budget, to nearly \$2 billion. In addition, Israel is seeking an extra \$750 million in economic grants as part of an emergency supplemental programme attached to the already-passed 1985 legislation.

The total Israeli request, therefore, comes to almost \$3 billion.

THE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. officials say, is unlikely to come even close to meeting such a large Israeli request, although some modest increase is expected. The question of a 1985 supplemental package is still up in the air.

For the time being, the Administration has not even been hinted at linking any increase in foreign aid to Israel to a widely anticipated new U.S. arms sale to several "more moderate" Arab states, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and, certainly, Egypt. In the past, various administrations have dangled some increased U.S. assistance in front of Israeli officials in attempting to win a more "understanding" Israeli position on the Arab arms sales. The U.S. hope has been that Israel then would quietly ease the concerns of its supporters in Congress and the American Jewish community.

But so far, this Administration has not taken that blunt route. Senior U.S. officials, indeed, insisted they are not going to play that card this time around. Shultz made clear to Shamir that the Administration would be moving forward with the Arab arms sales in the near future.

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Israeli officials have already pointed to these likely sales as further justification for their own increased financial needs from the U.S. Israel somehow has to maintain its "qualitative edge" — something the Administration repeatedly says it supports but which is becoming increasingly more difficult and expensive in the face of massive sales to the Arabs from the Soviet Union, Western Europe and even the U.S. itself.

There is deep concern in Washington over the future of the Israeli economy. U.S. officials recognize that a militarily powerful and economically viable Israel represents a strategic advantage for the U.S. — and indeed the entire West. Thus, the U.S. is clearly prepared to help Israel, but only after additional painful steps are taken in Jerusalem to turn the economic picture around.

"The economic crisis gripping Israel today, if not swiftly and effectively addressed by the new unity government, could pose as serious a threat to the security of the state of Israel as any hostile neighbour in the region," a recently released Senate foreign relations committee staff report concluded.

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"Strong domestic medicine is necessary," it continued. "American foreign assistance can be helpful but by itself cannot arrest Israel's hyper-inflation, shrinking foreign exchange reserves, stagnant economic growth, low productivity, declining revenue base, huge government budget deficits, and dangerously expanding foreign debt with its concomitant high debt service bill. The dimensions of Israel's economic woes are staggering."

The 66-page committee report is expected to be a major source of information for members of the panel, including its new chairman, Republican Richard Lugar of Indiana, when they consider the new foreign aid bill early next year. Lugar has refused to commit himself to aid increases for Israel, insisting only that he must first study the question more seriously.

He will be a pivotal lawmaker in the authorization process. Generally, he can be expected to support whatever aid levels are proposed by the Administration. He was been an extremely loyal Reagan ally over the years.

REFLECTING the prevailing attitude of Shultz and other senior Administration economists, the

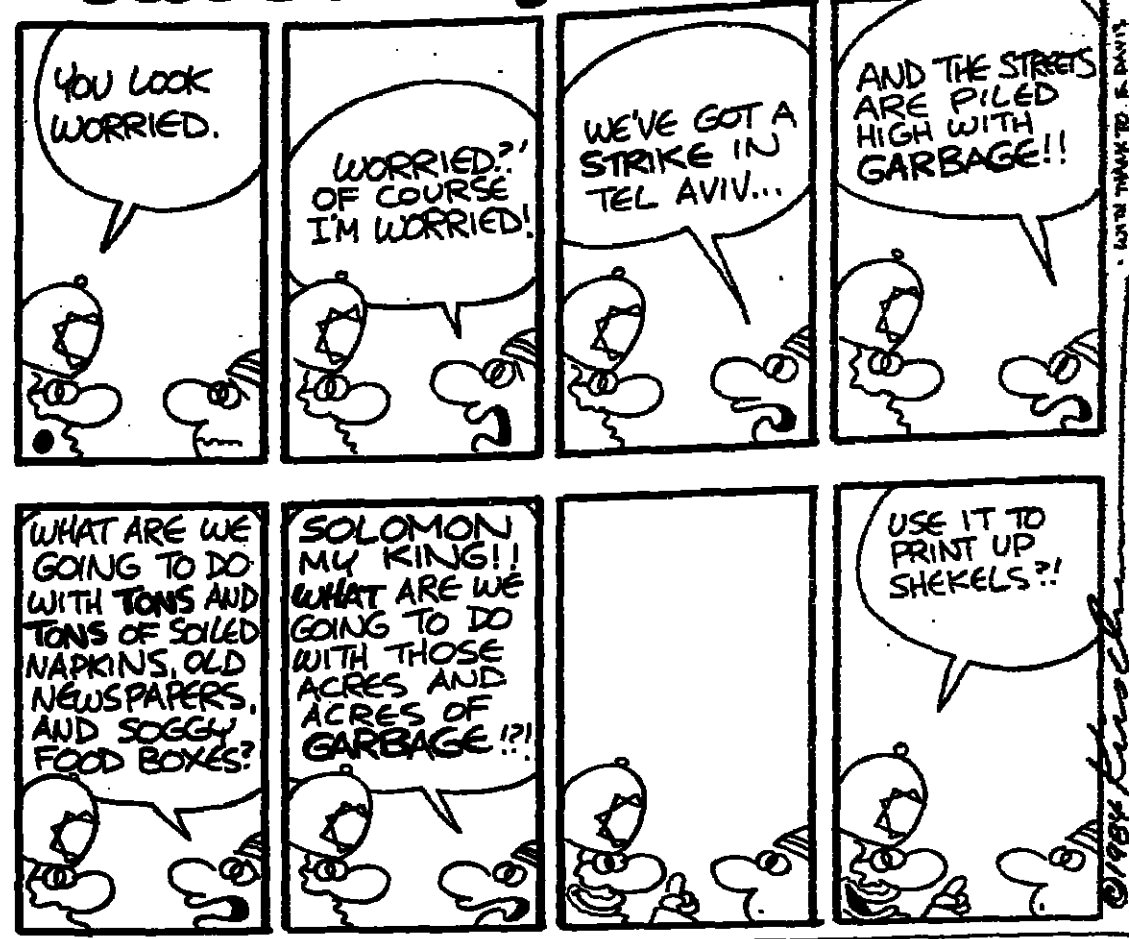
but also resulted in rapid inflation, swollen budgets, an overvalued currency, and a two-year drop in exports. Paradoxically, the vigour of Israel's democratic system of political proportional representation has hindered efforts to institute economic measures by splintering political parties and constituencies and preventing a strong consensus for actually implementing economic reforms.

There is no doubt that Israel, especially since the 1973 war, has become very dependent on U.S. governmental, American Jewish and other forms of foreign assistance. This was underscored in dramatic terms in the Senate report.

Last year, it noted that Israel received some \$2.6 billion in U.S. governmental economic and military assistance — another \$1 billion was provided by the United Jewish Appeal and the many other Israeli charities operating in the United States — more than \$400 million in the sale of Israel Bonds — and \$384 million in West German war reparations payments.

"These capital flows have provided a useful cushion for the Israeli economy, without which a credit crunch might well have occurred. Even with this assistance, however,

The Friday Dry Bones



foreign relations committee report noted that Israel's economic problems are "fundamentally structural and political" in nature. "The current problems are rooted in an elaborate system of price and wage indexation, a set of policies that rapidly expanded the capital base

Israel faces grave difficulties and tough decisions."

WHAT EXACTLY do Shultz and his advisers, therefore, have in mind when they call for structural changes in the Israeli economy?

What they don't have in mind, unfortunately, is exactly what the government has already implemented — namely a three-month price and wage freeze. This step is seen by the Americans as largely ineffective in the long run — and possibly even counter-productive. It does not, they believe, come to grips with the real problems of runaway inflation and balance of payments deficits.

What Administration policymakers would like to see includes:

□ Seriously reducing or even eliminating indexation all together. "Once begun," the Senate report noted, again reflecting the Administration's position, "hyper-inflation is always difficult to stop. This is especially true in Israel where virtually everything is indexed. The system, like a spreading firestorm, feeds on itself."

□ Drastically reducing the printing of shekels. Indexation in Israel, the Senate report pointed out, contains a built-in mechanism for accelerating inflation because the central bank is required by law to print money to cover the government's budget deficits. U.S. officials would like to see that law changed.

□ Decreasing public consumption, including considerably deeper budget cuts, in order to shift resources into more productive sectors of the economy. At the same time, Israel will have to find a way to increase exports by 7 to 9 per cent a year.

There is also a growing conviction

in Washington that Israel will have no alternative but to move toward some sort of "dollarization" of the Israeli currency — a proposal torpedoed last year when it was privately floated by then finance minister Yoram Aridor. Shultz and other U.S. specialists favour this concept as probably the single most important step in breaking the back of the inflationary spiral. They are prepared to have the U.S. Treasury intervene during the transition phase to help Israel's conversion. Israeli public opinion is seen by U.S. officials as becoming increasingly prepared to accept this drastic step.

"Many economists believe that an actual change in Israel's currency — either introduction of a new currency or pegging the shekel on a one-to-one basis with the dollar — is inevitable," the Senate report said. "Although earlier dollarization proposals were short-lived, the new unity government has indicated a willingness to re-examine the issue in light of the shekel's plummeting value against the dollar."

All of this will not be easy. There is no doubt that U.S. aid — which accounts for approximately 12 per cent of Israel's gross national product, according to the Senate study — will be crucial to the final outcome. But as the study noted, U.S. aid alone "will neither cure nor even significantly ameliorate the structural problems that afflict the Israeli economy... U.S. aid can help alleviate the effects of reform measures on Israeli society, but cannot substitute for the policy reforms that Israel itself must undertake if its economy is to return to a healthy and growing status."

The writer is The Jerusalem Post's Washington correspondent.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS AN UNDERGROUND fire in a Central Asian coal deposit has been burning for more than 3,000 years, Soviet scientists say.

The fire, which sends ash and gases spouting from the slopes of Mt. Ravi in Tadzhikistan, was documented by the Roman naturalist Pliny 2,000 years ago and is likely to continue for centuries to come, said the report in a Moscow newspaper, *Socialist Industry*.

Scientists have recently established that it started well over 3,000 years ago, the report said.

It said the fire is the oldest and largest phenomenon of its kind in the world. A similar subterranean fire in Ohio has been burning since 1884. The only other major fire of its kind in Mongolia, started 50 years ago.

Experts calculated that the cost of extinguishing the fire, burning at a depth of 550 metres, would far outweigh the commercial value of the coal which would be saved.

PS A VISITOR to Jerusalem was recently overheard in one of the city's five-star hotels asking the desk clerk for the nearest rest room.

Prompt and courteous, the clerk answered, "Take the elevator and go down to P." Quickly recovering from his horror, the blushing clerk added, "That's 'P' for Parking, sir."

S.O.

PS INDIA has banned drunks, smokers, protesters and people riding on the roof from the country's first underground railway.

A presidential order issued ahead of the opening this month of the first stretch of the Calcutta metro said offenders would be fined or jailed.

The ban on riding on the roof is to foil a popular way of avoiding fares on trains.

Passengers crouch half-upright on the roofs of carriages to avoid detection by ticket collectors. They lie prone when the trains pass through a tunnel.

The metro system has been under construction for 11 years at a cost of nearly \$800 million.

Newspaper advertisements have told prospective passengers that they can only take briefcases, umbrellas and ladies handbags on the trains. The advertisements add: "Spit only in the spittoons."

PS THE DUTCH Protestant Broadcasting Company has begun offering a weekly radio programme teaching biblical Hebrew for 10 minutes. The first lesson started at the beginning of October and a total of 26 lessons will be broadcast. Listeners can also order written material from the station.

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